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WEATHER Surry and showers

Iron Chancellor' pledges 10p tax

ANTHONY BEVINS and STEPHEN GOODWIN

The shadow Chancellor, Gordon Brown, yesterday promised that a new 10p tax rate would be used by Labour to cut the penal rates at present imposed on

the lowest-paid. But Mr Brown coupled his tax pledge with an unflinching warning of financial prudence -"iron discipline" - ahead at the opening of the economic debate on the first day of Labour's last party conference before the general election. There would be no cooked books or juggled figures, no unsustainable dashes for growth, and no "wish-list" spending solutions, he said.

Labour would be tough on inflation because the poor, "the people we are in politics to defend", suffered most when it got Lout of control.

"The reason the Labour Parows iron discipline in our roach to public spending. Brown said, "is that every nd that is inefficiently spent pound denied to our frontservices, to health and cation and pensions".

tut it was the firming-up of commitment to a low-start tax that provided the meat of speech. "Just as a society ich values work and oppornity should not impose penal ix rates for its highest earners." told the conference in lackpool, "it is equally imporant that there should not be peial tax rates for the lower earners - hundreds of thousands of people on the brink of

poverty. One of Mr Brown's aides said later that the Government's own tax and benefit tables showed that the poverty trap was so vicious that some people could actually be worse off

even if their income doubled. A married worker with two young children and gross pay of £120 a week has a disposable income of £145.86 after family credit, housing benefit and council tax benefit and housing costs have been paid. But because of the way in which benefits taper out as income rises, the same worker gets only £145.19 from

weekly pay of £240. Opening an afternoon's debate on the economy, Mr Brown said the system was "designed to keep the unemployed poor and the poor unemployed". He said that while the Conservatives' main tax-cutting ambition was to abolish capital gains tax and inheritance tax, to help the few, his tax-cutting ambition was to lower the starting rate of tax from 20p to 15p or even 10p,

to help everyone. Mr Brown made clear that if he handed out a 10p tax cut for to reduce the 20p starting rate the lowest-paid, it would not immediately be snatched back through reduced benefit.

The aide also said that if Ken-



Twenty years after Denis Healey's dramatic speech in Blackpool, Gordon Brown promised a tough but radical programme for Labour

Tony Blair will today harden Labour's policy against hand guns by making it clear he would reject the report by Lord Cullen into the Dunbiane killings if it recom-mends limited curbs. The

Labour leader will uselbis speech to the Labour Barty conference to give a pledge that a Labour government will ban all hand guns over 22 calibre sporting vicagions from private ownership and gun clubs.

Colin Brown, page 6.

David Asonovitch's

David Aaronovitch's sketch and other Labour conference news, page 6. Donald Macintyre, page 15.

used the November Budget to abolish capital gains tax and inheritance tax, Labour would reimpose the two taxes and use the £4.5bn raised to finance an

immediate reduction in the starting rate of income tax. A Conservative source said last night that while Mr Brown liked to talk tough, the only way to cut taxes was to cut spending, and there was nothing in the speech about spending cuts.

He said that Treasury figures showed that it would cost £8.7bu of tax, applied to the first £3,900 of taxable income, to 10p - and £4:35bn to cut it to only 15p in the nound. "He is the incredible Chancellor whose numbers do_not add up," he added. ety is built on duty to their

and economic renewal. In his speech, Mr Brown said that his iron approach to the economy did not mean the abandonment of socialism, but was, rather, the very essence of it. "When I talk of tough choices and when I speak Ancurin Bevan's language of priorities it is not to abandon ideals. It is to make the achievement of our ideals possible," he said.

warning shots across the bows of New Labour.

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, will use his speech this afternoon to try to turn the tables on John Major's suggestion that there is a moral case for tax cuts and smaller government. He will say that a decempoon munity and to each other, a moral code that would run through a Labour government. He will make a link between the creation of that decent society

shaped by the memory. But while Mr Brown's emphasis on social justice won him nomics as applied by successive a standing ovation; unions fired Labour and Conservative gov-

John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB, said Britain could not build economic success on "macho management" left over from the Thatcher years. "I know that the Labour Party does not want to upset the CBL," he said. "But a party which is pledged to govern in the interests of all the people should be at least as critical of

Another Blackpool, another age: but Healey has lessons for Labour

Twenty years ago Denis Healey strode into a Labour conference bringing it news "from the bat-tlefront", having applied for a loan to the International Mon-etary Fund. That Labour government's humiliating head-on crash with global editional reality in 1976 was a transforming moment for British politics: what Gordon Brown saidwas

Healey had to cut public spending in real terms and did it with brutal energy. It was the end not just for Keynesian ecoernments, but for tax-and-spend socialism too. After the conference uproar Healey became a demon figure for many Labour supporters and, though he ran the economy successfully by many standards, his austerity helped bring about the trade unions' "winter of discontent" and the triumph of Margaret

. Undreamed-of levels of unemployment followed. Inflabad management as it often is tion became public enemy of trade unions." number one, with trade union-



The Labour Party itself came very close to final destruction. Its attitudes to inflation, tax, public spending and the unions today are all heavily marked by the trauma which broke upon

it once at Blackpool.
Yesterday Mr Brown
thumped out the hard lesson yet again: "No quick fixes. No easy options. No magic wand solutions by cooking the books or juggling the figures... No retreat into one nation isolationism. No unsustainable dashes for growth. No wish list spending solutions..." Those words could serve as a shrewd precis of the speeches made by Healey and Callaghan 20 years ago. The intervening period has

struggling to discover a new sage of its own. The latter terday, Brown told the conferstop dreaming dreams or watering down its idealism. And, certainly, proposals on youth unemployment, the minimum wage and lower taxes for the poor all address traditional Labour concerns, even if in

untraditional ways. But if Labour wins an election this year or next, he has no choice but to be an iron Chancellor in the Healey mould. He must be tough on inflation - at least as tough as Major and tougher than Lord Lawson. He cannot allow public spending to grow much as a proportion of national wealth. He cannot greatly raise taxes for the better-off or business.

Within these tough boundaries, there are local, longerterm things a Chancellor can do, and Brown makes a vivid rhetorical case for doing them.

seen Labour struggling first to next big choice to confront the is not, apparently, big enough omy, he said nothing. For after Healey, and the globalisation of has proved more difficult. Yes- the Thatcher years, the dilemma now is whether or not ence he didn't want Labour to Britain formalises its adher-

joining a single currency. That is a great question, splitting the Tory party in 1996 even more dramatically than the IMF crisis and its consequences part of Healey's legacy that split Labour after 1976. But it Labour should never forget. IMF crisis and its consequences

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accept this message and then managers of the British econ- to merit serious discussion in public by the Labour leadership. Let's hope that Tony Blair turns to it today. Because the other thing about that stormy Labour conference of two decades ago ence to the new orthodoxy by is that big truths were hurled around the floor: it was a moment of trauma for our politics. but also a time of honesty and openness. And that is another

ROLEX

neth Clarke, the Chancellor, Queen and Country



Independent, an important and provocative new assessment of the Queen and the monarchy's battle to survive, by the eminent historian Ben Pimlott. Pimlott, whose biography of the Queen is published later this month, is one of the best political biographers writing today. Using new unthive sources and interviews with the Queen's closest advisers, he presens a portrait of a family on the throne from the General Strike through to a contemporary Britain flirling with republicanism. Extracts all this week, only n The Independent.

Make love when the light's on

GLENDA COOPER

Couples will be given the green light to have sex without risk-ing pregnancy with the lauach of a new method of contraception yesterday.

Marketed as "contraception without contraceptives", Persona, a small hand-held monitor, measures a woman's hormone levels by simple urine tests and tells her when she can make love and yet not conceive by "traffic light" signals.

The monitor displays a green light on the days she is free to have sex without using any

US summit plans

Dismissing Arab demands for

a postponement, the US yes-terday pressed ahead with plans to convene an emergency Mid-

dle East summit to try to restore

peace between Israel and the

Palestinians. Mike McCurry,

the White House spokesman,

said: "We expect the meeting

that the president announced to

Kohl's big adventure

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only knew the two Germanys yesterday.

In a book launched today, the German Chancellor, Helmut Kohl, seeks to show that he not

form of contraceptive. Con-versely, a red light shows the days when she is most fertile.

The method took over 15 years to develop and more than 1,200 women were involved in studies to estimate its efficacy. The studies have found that there is a 95 per cent efficacy rate, which makes Persona as rehable as the condom but less reliable than the Pill.

which will be used to build up a picture of the woman's individual cycle. From then on she ease of use and the freedom to

would unite in his lifetime, but

carried the project through al-

most single-handedly, with a lit-

tle help from the Soviet leader

Mikhail Gorbachev. Page 11

Underground dangers

London Underground said it

may have to reduce services or

slow down trains unless more

money is made available for in-

vestment from the Government.

month and can typically expect 6 to 10 "red light" days per cy-cle. The test measures the levels of two hormones: estradiol and luteinizing hormones [LH], which are markers of the woman's fertile period. The appearance of estradiol marks the beginning of the fertile period whereas the surge in LH in-

In the first monthly cycle the woman has to take 16 unine tests which will be used to build up a picture of the woman's indi
were the lack of side effects, must test herself eight times a have sex without using contra-

Urban eyesores

of people" ...

John Gummer, the Secretary of

State for the Environment, yes-

terday attacked urban eyesores,

which had, he said, "destroyed

the lives of a very large number

The Wodehouse files

B itish intelligence regarded the author PG Wodehouse as "a

rat", but doubted whether trea-

son charges could be made to

stuck, because of a lack of evidence after the Second World wir, according to files released by the Public Record Office in Least Vesterday. Page 3

dicates the end of the fertile

HIV the virus which causes Aids and if a couple choose to make love on the "red light days" alternative forms of contraception must be used.

"Persona is a real breakthrough in contraception," said Professor John Guillebaud, dichoice, offering them a method that is not only unambiguous

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fers no protection from sexual- added that while the Pill was 99 ly transmitted diseases such as per cent effective, Persona was only 95 per cent and women who felt they must not get pregnant should be aware of the change of a"fivefold degree of

Unlike other forms of contraception Persons will not be available free on the NHS but rector of the Margaret Pyke can be bought from Boots Centre. "It increases women's stores from today. A starter pack containing a monitor and the first month's supply of 16 and simple to use, but gives a test sticks costs £49.95. A sense of empowerment, of being in control, a woman worksticks costs £9.95.

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CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

London Underground admitted last night that it may have to reduce services or slow down trains through speed restrictions unless more money is made available for investment from the Government.

A catalogue of decay and disrepair, some of it life-threatening, is portrayed in a report prepared for government ministers and leaked yesterday.

The report was not intended to be published because of fears that it would deter people

New

blow

to

Ulster

peace

In an ominous sign for the continuation of the loyalist cease-

fire, jailed members of one of the two main Protestant para-

military groups vesterday an-nounced that they were withdrawing support from the

The announcement came

from prisoners affiliated to the

Ulster Defence Association

held at Northern Ireland's main

paramilitary jail, the Maze prison outside Belfast.

It followed meetings between

prisoners' representatives and leaders of the Ulster Democ-

ratic party, one of the groups

which represent the interests of

loyalist paramilitants at the

Stormont talks. UDP spokesman John White, himself a former pris-

oner, said he was concerned

about a situation which could

develop into crisis. He said the

prisoners felt that republicans

were talking about peace but in

The move is seen as a clear

sign of growing strains on the

loyalist ceasefire, which has

week's discovery of a major IRA

explosives cache in England

has convinced some elements, who had previously been pre-pared to give republicans the benefit of the doubt, that the

IRA is intent on a return to

In recent years, prisoners

have been among the more

moderate elements within mil-

itant lovalism, having strongly supported the establishment of

Earlier vesterday, Garv

McMichael of the UDP said

that he viewed the IRAs stance

with cynicism, adding that a

restoration of the ceasefire

would not be enough to allow

Sinn Fein into talks on the

same basis as other partici-

also been increased by Sunday

multi's abortive attempt by a re-

publican splinter group to let off

a large bomb in Beltast. Police

said visterday that a car close to the city centre had been

tound to contain 250lb of homemade explosives, an amount

large enough to cause wide-

In Bettain four men appeared

in a high security court yester-day charged with terrorist of-

tences after police raids last

- mead ulimage.

Unease in localist circles has

large-scale violence.

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DAVID MCKITTRICK

peace process.

Ireland Correspondent

prepared to try to ensure that senger revenue. This year, Deout, there was a one in six London Transport's grant from partment of Transport sources chance of someone being killed the Government is not cut in are bracing themselves for a by falling masonry. Now the next month's Budget.

Transport infrastructure has traditionally been a balancing item in government budgets, often being cut at times of restraints on spending and London Transport has prepared this extraordinary document to put pressure on ministers not to make cuts.

Last year, after rumours of sharp cuts, the grant was unchanged at £350m, following a campaign by pressure groups and business interests. LT invests another £200m from pas-

per cent cut, which would probably result in £100m being

cut from LT's grant. The document outlines in detail how several stations are in a state of disrepair which London Underground can only afford to patch up.

For example, Ladbroke

Grove in west London, an elevated station built above a main road, is collapsing on its own foundations. The report suggests that there is a serious risk of collapse and that, until emergency repair work was carried

chance is still one in 30 and £1.7m is needed to remedy the

Water penetration is causing severe problems at many stations. At Piccadilly Circus, tiles are falling off, putting passengers at risk of being hit and water is also shorting out electrical circuits. The cost of making long term repairs is £2.5m.

At Covent Garden, the increased use as a result of the successful redevelopment of the area, with 40,000 passengers using it per day means a total-

ly new station is needed at a cost of £45m. Escalators, too, are causing concern with a collapse of a stair

at Euston causing a passenger to break an ankle. There is potential for what LT engineces call "complete step collapse" and as an interim measure £3.8m is needed for repairs, while the long term solution of a total redesign is

London First, the business pressure group, has calculated that an extra £150m per year would allow LT to cut the backlog of investment within five years and become self financing

the only major metro system in the world that pays all its running costs out of the passenger fare box, with only investment

being funded from government. An LT spokeswoman sand last night: "This is a confidential internal study which we shared with senior government officials showing just how bad the con-sequences of a low budget could be. We are very hopeful that this will not happen but in any event the network will be kept m a state of repair by a regime speed limits or withdrawai from

Nuclear plant Child ta closed in alert on poisoneo. over waste

Heightened radioactivity in waste water being discharged into the sea led to one of the two nuclear fuel reprocessing plants at Dounreay, in north Scotland; being shat down at

The shutdown, revealed esterday, is thought to have been due to a leak in a cooling pipe. Officials at the nt, operated by AEA Ltd. said the excess radioactivity was within authorised limits and posed no danger to the workforce or public.

The plant will be out of action for an unspecified length of time while engineers try to find the cause of the fault. The problem was discovered on Saturday during routine checks. Charles Arthur

Hallucination is no illusion

Around 37 per cent of people report suffering from hallucinations at least twice a week,

according to a survey of more than 5,000 people.

The British Journal of Psychiatry comments that hypno-gogic hallucinations - vivid perceptual experiences oc-curring at sleep onset - are far more common than expected. Around 12.5 per cent of people also experience hypnopomic hallucinations

which occur on awakening. In both cases, the feeling of falling into an abyss was most common, followed by the feeling that someone or something was in the room. Other hallucinations included the sensation of flying, seeing moving or distorted objects, and being caught in a fire. Glenda Cooper

College trust chief named

Sir Angus Stirling, former Director General of the National Trust, was named yes-terday as chairman of the the historic Royal Naval Col-

lege in Greenwich.
The decision to hand over the running of the college in south-east London to a trust has caused concern at the nearby National Maritime Museum, which had hoped to play a major role in opening the Wren-designed 17th cen-

tury buildings to the public. However, the University of Greenwich is to move into the site under the trust's

Murder hunt suffers blow

Detectives in Kent, leading the hunt for the killer of Lin Russell and her six-year-old daughter, Megan, said yester-day that forensic tests on a hammer found near the scene proved it was not the

murder weapon. The news emerged just days before the funerals of Mrs Russell and Megan in north Wales. When the hammer was discovered on 9 September, two months after the brutal murders, police described it as "crucial" evi-

village green

A 10-year-old boy was in nospital yesterday after playing on a village green, believed to have been contaminated with poison, which has already claimed the lives of

three family pets.
Police believe someone who hates dogs is responsible and have warned parents to keep their children away from the green, in Thornaby, Cleveland. Warnings were also issued in schools throughout the area.

Vets were examining the carcases of two of the dogs at Ministry of Agriculture laboratories in Thirsk, North

Hospital staff set for strikes

Nurses, porters and other staff at some of the country's most prestigious teaching hospitals are set for a series of 24-hour strikes after voting for industrial action over pay, it was announced yesterday. Around 1,000 members of Unison employed by UCL

Hospitals Trust in central London are seeking a 6.5 per cent pay claim. The union has rejected a rise of 3.25 per cent for its members, who work at the Middlesex, University College and Elizabeth Garrett Anderson hospitals.

Memory lane shortened

It may be television's crown jewels, but broadcasters have decided that the the early years of Coronation Street wil

not grip modern viewers. Granada Sky Broadcasting which launches seven new channels on cable and satellite today, has decided to start repeating the soap opera from 1976 onwardsmissing out 16 years' episodes. Executives believe younger audiences would be left cold by the early

Adviser 'stole charity cash'

A trusted financial adviser a multi-million pound "poppycock" investment scheme and then phindered £1.2m of it to pay off his "enormous debts", a court heard.

Former soldier Stuart Ford, 45, used some of his illgotten gains to buy a new house and car, it was alleged at Southwark Crown Court

Bus driver on drink charge

The driver of a doubledecker bus carrying 82 pas-sengers – mostly children – has been charged with drinkdriving after being stopped

on a busy motorway.

Police breathalysed the driver on the M6 near Preston, Lancashire. It is understood the bus, owned by a Liverpool firm, was taking a party to the Frontierland theme park at Morecambe.

BACK ESSUES

Fighting talk: Police confront a protester outside a Merseyside container base where more than 300 demonstrators marked the first anniversary of the sacking of 329 dockers by the Mersey Docks Company. Two police officers were hurt and 41 people arrested Photograph: Lloyd Wright/Mercury Press

Hamilton drops libel case over cash for questions

held since October 1994. Last | Former Tory minister Neil Hamilton and the political lobbyist lan Greer dropped their "cash for questions" libel claim against the Guardian last night, in one of the most humiliating climb-downs in recent legal his-

> The full-scale retreat came less than 24 hours before the action was due to start in the High Court today, with both agreeing to what Alan Rusbridger. the newspaper's editor, called a "substantial" contribution to

its costs. Mr Rusbridge said in a statement that the decision not to proceed "must be one of the most astonishing legal cave-insin the history of the law of li-

Mr Hamilton was suing over the paper's claim that he had accepted, without making decla-

Former minister pulls out on eve of of us to instruct new solicitors hearing, writes Patricia Wynn Davies

rations in the Commons regis-ter of MPs' interests, £2,000 a time for tabling parliamentary questions on behalf of Mommed al-Fayed, the chairman of Harrods, and for accepting free hospitality at Mr Fayed's Ritz Hotel in Paris. Mr Greer was suing over claims that he had acted as an intermediary.

One factor lying behind last light's decision is understood to be the rapidly deteriorating relations between the two plaintiffs, it will come as no surprise to close observers of Mr Greer, who had sensed he wanted out. For his part, Mr Hamilton had evoked the ire of some Conservative colleagues for bringing the highly embarrassing

case, with its "sleaze" ramifications and in which John Major had been subpoenaed to

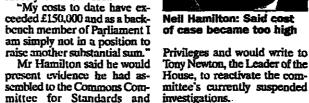
appear as a witness, during the party conference season. After months of bravado on the part of Mr Hamilton, the humiliation was complete when he and Mr Greer paid a joint £15,000 contribution to The Guardian's legal costs, which will run well into six figures.

Mr Hamilton said in a statement last night that he was "dev-astated" at having to withdraw from the action to fight Mr Fayed's "uncorroborated" statements, "but since a conflict of tween me and my co-plaintiffs, it has become necessary to each

Mr Hamilton, who secured a change in the constitutional rules covering MPs in order to proceed with the case, had been rumoured to have secured the agreement of Sir James Goldsmith, the leader of the Referendum Party, to underwrite some of his costs. But he said in the statement that the trial would have had to be postponed to enable new lawyers to prepare the case afresh at enormously increased cost.

"My costs to date have exceeded £150,000 and as a backbench member of Parliament I am simply not in a position to raise another substantial sum." Mr Hamilton said he would present evidence he had as-

sembled to the Commons Com-



Independent school heads accuse Labour

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HAVE LEGS?

Independent schools yesterday Brian McHugh, Patrick Pearse Joseph Kelly, James Marphy and Michael Phillips accused the Labour party of misleading them throughout a year of negotiations over a resere all remanded until 9 Ocplacement for the Assisted

the Headmasters' and Headgow that they were stepping up their campaign against Labour plans to abolish the scheme after talks with Labour politicians stalled.

A year ago heads hoped Labour might be persuaded to put pressure on local authorities to buy places in independent schools for children with special aptitudes if Assisted Places were abolished under a Labour government.Vivian Anthony, the Conference Secretary, said: We would have liked there to be some co-operation. All we have got is very nice smiles and everyone trying to be friendly

and nothing that is real."

The heads have been trying to negotiate a deal under which independent schools would open their facilities more frequently to state school people in return for places bought by local authorities. Authorities already have the power to buy places under the Martin Rule but few do so. During the year, Labour has said that it will continue to buy places in music and ballet schools and floated the idea that local authority funds might be used to buy places in maths and science at indepen-

Edward's School in Birmingham said it was unrealistic to suppose adequate funding

Public school heads said at that Labour local authorities were going to buy places for tal-ented children in independent schools under the present sys-tem; "They are trying to soften the blow of the abolition of the scheme, which is obviously unpopular in some quarters, by putting up somewhat bogus al-

> Labour has said it will scrap the scheme which offers 34,000 places for pupils from poor homes in private schools and use the money to reduce infant class sizes. The heads said the redistribution of the 120 million Assisted Places money would achieve a reduction in each primary class size of only 1/16th. In the first year only £15 million would be saved because Labour has said it will not remove existing Assisted Places.

Labour's calculations took no account of the amount of money it would cost to educate Assisted Places children in the state sector. Later Tony Evans,the Conference chairman and head of Portsmouth Grammar School told members that universities had expanded too rapidly. He suggested that the development of mass higher education could have endangered the quality of demanding courses such as Law and Medicine because the num-Hugh Wright, head of King ber of new degrees had increased so quickly without

Hi-tech plan for University of the Highlands

JOJO MOYES

The Millennium Commission yesterday announced a £33m award towards the creation of a revolutionary University of the Highlands and Islands.

The high-technology dis-persed campus will bring together 11 colleges of higher education and other specialist institutions through a digital communications network offering video and computer links. The award for the university

was the biggest part of a total Scottish awards package of nearly £47m and by far the greatest of 10 announced yesterday. Most of them involve the creation or renovation of community centres and halls in Scotland, Wales and Northein ireland.

The total cost of the univers ty development is estimated at £86m but the commission's award is expected to encourage a total investment of at least £100m over the next five year which will provide the universi ty with other new communical tions facilities, libraries and learning resources, with majo capital developments at eac

The university's first degree a BSc in rural development, va.

idated by Aberdeen University, was launched earlier this month. It is being delivered initially by Lews Castle College in

The project has drawn back ing from local authorities, businesses and community groups across the region.

Lord Dalkeith, Millennium Commissioner for Scotland, made the announcement at the inverness headquarters of the development agency Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), which made the funding bid.

The agency's chairman, Fraser Morrison, said: "This project will not only bring academic gams to the Highlands, but will provide a powerful and dynamic motor for economic and community development for

the next century." Many of the university's students are expected to be parttimers. The university hopes to attract the equivalent of some 5,000 full-time students.

This project will deliver a very different kind of university for Britain and Europe, Robin Lingard, UHI project director, said. "Its combination of community commitment, federal collegiate structure and strong emphasis on technology breaks new ground."



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Secret files opened: MI5 continued to believe that comic author could be prosecuted

A silly ass, but not a traitor: At last, the real story of PG Wodehouse

JAMES CUSICK

The writer PG Wodehouse was guilty of being a vain and stupid ass but nothing more, despite widespread baying for him to face treason or treachery charges, according to files re-leased by the Public Record Office yesterday.

The creator of Jeeves and Bertie Wooster recorded five talks in 1941 for the Nazi authorities in Berlin which were later broadcast to Britain. Al- lack of evidence. though no charges were brought against Wodehouse at the end of the war, in 1946 MI5 was still reluctant fully to abandon the case and was con-

vinced it could be reopened. The files released yesterday show the concern over Wodehouse's wartime activities reaching the senior echelons of the Foreign, Home and Cabinet offices, British Intelligence and the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill.

With the liberation of Paris in the autumn of 1944, Wodehouse, then living with his wife, Ethel, in the expensive Hotel Bristol, came back under the su-

pervision of MI5. The Foreign Office, two years after Wodehouse's Berlin broadcasts, had begun consulting the then Home Secretary, Herbert Morrison about the likely public clamour for frea-

Morrison, Churchill's astute socialist fixer, wrote: "I should think he [Wodehouse] must know enough to be aware that his position here [in the UK] will be, to say the least, unpleasant." Morrison and the British authorities then began a series of manoeuvres to ensure they never faced putting Wodehouse in the dock. There appears, from the files, to have been a fear that a treason trial could embarrassingly collapse from a

With Wodehouse, in 1944, seeking to leave Paris and possibly head for Portugal, the authorities guessed he would not wish to return to the England he had characterised and parodied in the novels and plays that had made him wealthy

and internationally famous. Morrison, in February 1943, had written: "If the rat has enough intelligence to leave the sinking ship, I should suspect he must have enough in-telligence not to put himself within the jaws of the British mastiff."

Wodehouse and his wife were at their home in Le Touquet in northern France when they were arrested by occupying German troops in 1940. They were initially interned in a camp but after Wodehouse's Berlin-broadcasts had been living at the plush Adlon Hotel in



Not Goethe after all: The Nazis apparently overestimated PG Wodehouse's Importance Photograph: Tom Blau/Camera Press

wife were allowed to move to the Hotel Bristol. His rooms at the hotel were reserved, according to the hotel director, Marcel Vidal, by the German authorities in Paris.

When Britain reopened its embassy in de Gaulle's France in 1944, Duff Cooper, the appointed ambassador, found himself living at the Bristol alongside the Wodehouses. He was not pleased. Duff Cooper, a former Minister of Information, said in a "most secret" dispatch that "Sir David Petrie is fully informed and has sent an officer to investigate." Sir David was head of MI5.

Wodehouse, known by the Germans as British Civilian Prisoner number 796 when he was interned, was later paid 250 marks by the Nazi authorities.

Spode of the Black Shorts

Could a Hitler sympathiser have written The Code of the Woosters, featuring the preposterous Mosley pastiche, Roderick Spode, founder of the "Black Shorts"? Wodehouse wrote of Spode:

It was as if Nature had intended to make a gorilla, and had changed its mind at the last moment. But it wasn't merely the sheer expanse of the bird that impressed. Close to, what you noticed more was his face, which was square and powerful and slightly moustached towards the centre. His gaze was keen and plercing. I don't know towards the centre. His gaze was resen and pencage. I want know if you have ever seen those pictures in the papers of Dictators with tilted chins and blazing eyes, inflaming the populace with fiery words on the occasion of a new skittle alley, but that is what he

Paris embassy's press department. Plack's name also surfaces in a money transfer of 560,000F, which in late autumn 1944 made its way into Ethel Wodehouse's account via the Swiss

Why a Reich official, as his country was retreating back be-

Wodehouse claimed the moncy was, is never fully explained. An initial suggestion from Duff Cooper that the Wodehouses were short of cash was immediately dismissed on investigation. One assumption appears to be that the Wodehouses were still in the pay of The paymaster was Weiner hind its own borders, would be the Third Reich whilst conveside senior diplomats of the Al-

Despite allegations listed in the newly released files from Wodehouse's fellow internees that he was a "collaborator", the writer himself wrote to the Home Secretary in late 1944, admitting he had been "crimi-nally foolish" to broadcast on German radio.

One theory mentioned in the files details an interview with an Anstrian detainee, Freddie Krans. This states that the Germans had originally thought Wodehouse "was the English Goethe" and that the "FO in Berlin had made fools of themselves", once they found out he

was merely a comic author. Wodehouse left Paris for the United States in 1947. He died in 1975, aged 93, shortly after receiving an honorary knight-

Widow fights for right to child by dead husband

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Legal Affairs Editor

A young widow was yesterday preparing for a legal battle to be allowed to have a child using her dead husband's sperm. Meanwhile, another mother was embroiled in a test case over her refusal to allow her baby to

have a fiver transplant. to spotlight the controversial ethical and legal arguments over "informed consent" to

They come in the wake of protests provoked by High Court rulings that a woman bas no right to risk her own death withholding consent to a cae-

In the latest dilemma, the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA), which regulates artificial insemination, has blocked an attempt by the 30-year-old widow. DB, to have her dead husband's child because he never consented in writing to the use of sperm taken from him in March last year while he was brain dead on a life support machine after falling into a coma.

In the first case of its kind, Mrs B will challenge the authority's strict application of the law in a High Court judicial review tomorrow. Mrs B, from the Midlands, has protested that before his illness she and her husband had read about a widow receiving sperm from a dead husband and had agreed to the same if ever faced with a similar situation. "I know what his feelings were and I lost my husband," she said yesterday. "But I didn't lose the ability to have his child . . . I want

the rest of my life back." But Ruth Deech, chairman of the HFEA, said: "The notion of consent is fundamental to the Human Fertilisation & Embryology Act 1990. The Act expressly requires the written consent of a man to the storage and use of his gametes [sperm]

Moreover, written consent is only valid after the donor has had the opportunity to receive counselling, including consideration of the welfare of any

Directions made under the Act also ban the export of sperm unless it could be used lawfully in Britain, which means Mrs B cannot take advantage of offers by doctors to carry out the procedure in Belgium or the

Mrs B's predicament stands in contrast to a series of judge-ments on the other side of the coin where the consent rule does not appear to have been so strictly applied. But Sheila Kitzinger, of Positive Care in Obstetrics & Gynaecology, said: "I cannot help but feel that if a child learned about what had happened at a later date that child would feel very loved, very cherished and very want-

The British Medical Association said it had "tremendous sympathy" with Mrs B. But a spokeswoman said that the profession was "very anxious" that the principle of informed consent was not croded in cases involving people in comas, or suffering from mental disable-

John Parsons, the consultant in charge of the assisted lege Hospital, London, insisted: "It's important that people's genetic material is not used against their will. There is no way of being sure that although the man wanted a child with his wife, he also wanted her to have their child after his death."

As the controversy continued, a 27-year-old mother was meanwhile battling before the Court of Appeal in a test case over a parent's right to choose surgery for a child. David Harris QC, for the mother's local health authority, said the court's duty was to decide what was in the "best interests of the child".

The mother fears that the child would not survive the op-

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Mosley's links with Berlin are revealed

JOHN CROSSLAND

An MI5 report on the finances of Sir Oswald Mosley's Pascist party, drawn up for wartime Home Secretary Herbert Morrison, reveals that he won the German franchise for his commercial radio station Radio Sark, thanks to his wife's friend-

ship with Hitler.
One of 10 heavily-weeded files on British Fascism released yesterday at the Public Record-Office shows that Mosley's conceal that support". British Union of Fascists (BUF) was desperately short of money on the outbreak of war, despite the generous support of backers like Lord Rothermere, owner of the Daily Mail, and a former Air Minister.

cial Advisory Communes on Defence Regulation 18b; said that the Israelia shapees had been left in a most disastistic the Special Branch swobjed on 23 May er the BUF became very sen-ous, he said. Because of his priv-ileged background Sir Oswald had not needed to make moncy mitil he was 40. "Then for the first time he entered the commercial world. He was aware while in America that £20m a year was spent on radio advertising and such money could be employed in financing the movement to which he had given his life." Radio Sark, which

broadcast primarily to France

and Belgium, was one of the first

such ventures in Europe. G P Cinrchill told Morrison that in June 1938 Sir Oswald "entered into association with persons concerned with the government of Germany in con-nection with a wireless broadcasting station to be erected there. He said I ady Mosley was instrumental in achieving this, and quoted Sir Oswald's testimody to the committee. She could see I inter constantly and discuss it with him. I want to be utua-fan about this ... that knowing Hiller would get doors open

be opened." Lady Mosley, said her husband, was a great friend of Frau Goebbels and they had married in the Goebbels' Bedin

home in Hitler's presence.

The report revealed that Special Branch had uncovered a secret BUF bank account, worth £86,000 (in 1940 values), which was used as a conduit pipe to feed in funds to the organisa-tion from supporters like Lord Rothermere, who wanted to

The files also show that while



Mosley: Married at Goebbels home in presence of Hitler

in Brixton prison in 1943, Mosley was used as a guinea pig in experiments with a revolutionary treatment to cure

A letter from Frank Smith, president of the International Haemophiliac Society complains to Morrison about the Medical Research Council's "abuse of its privileges in blocking development of an antithrombotic substance which would have mitigated the most serious aspects of Mosley's con-dition" which was then causing

concern in the prison hospital. The file is annotated, however, with a comment "Mosley treated with the new drug but the treatment was not completed due to his release" by Mozzison, who "didn't want to



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New cases bring CJD total to fourteen

CHARLES ARTHUR

Evidence is growing of a genetic link between people who de-velop the "new variant" of the fatal brain disorder Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, which has been tentatively linked to eating BSE-infected food.

Two more cases of the "new variant" were announced at the weekend by the CJD Surveillance Unit in Edinburgh. Both victims were in their thirties. The diagnosis brings the total number of cases of the new strain in the past three years to 14, seven of whom have died.

A 15-year-old girl, who is still alive, has been confirmed as having CJD from tests on spinal fluid, using a technique develoned in the US. She is not being included in the official statistics until the disease has run its course.

Though the growth in numbers this year could be the sign of the start of an epidemic, it is more likely to be an accident of timing, as the seven people developed the disease at different times, said Professor Peter Smith. an epidemiologist on the government's advisory

The new strain has been tentatively linked to BSE, or mad cow disease, because it differs in a number of respects from the classic form of CJD, which normally affects people over 60. The new strain has been found almost exclusively in Britain apart from one case in France - in the past three years in people aged under 42. It is a similar sort of disease to BSE, in which the brain becomes

spongy" with holes. Significantly, all of the 14 British victims have had the 1994, when the unit had its highsame genetic configuration on a particular point of the PrP

of some brain cells in its normal form. In CJD, this protein's hape becomes distorted after it has been made in the body by "rogue" proteins known as prions. The particular PrP config-uration found in the 14 "new strain" victims occurs in 38 per cent of the population. The fact that no cases of the new strain have occurred in people with different PrP configurations

could mean that others are less

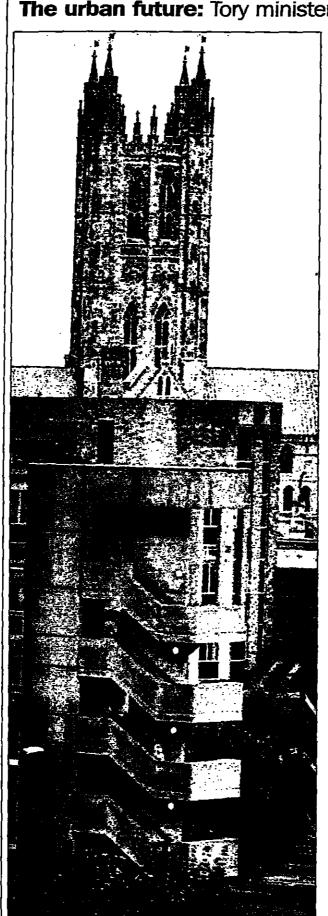
susceptible to the disease. Sheila Gore, of the Medical Research Council's biostatistics unit, called yesterday for the CJD unit to issue more information about the number of suspected "new-strain" cases referred to it, rather than issuing figures only for confirmed cases. "Though only a certain proportion are confirmed, we need to know what proportion that is," said Dr Gore. "Once we know that, we can work back from the number of confirmed cases at any stage to how many suspect cases there are which will be confirmed."

The Department of Health intends to publish its latest quarterly report on CJD cases later this month, covering the three months to the end of September. However, there are no plans at present to include suspected cases in those under 40.

Dr Gore said, "It would be useful if they did, because if it turned out that eventually 90 per cent of those suspected cases are confirmed as the new strain, we would have something to work with. If it was only 10 per cent, at least we would be able to decide not to take much notice."

Professor John Pattison, head of Seac, said "I think it's notable that the total number of referrals isn't higher than in est number of cases of CJD. That means there's not a great that is essential to the function come through."

The urban future: Tory minister links crime to environment and condemns the 'executive close'



genc, which produces a protein backlog of cases that haven't | The postwar error: A car park at Canterbury, a city which is and office blocks. He attacked drawing up schemes to bring to agreeing a new develop- until 19 October, Admission is now trying to reduce traffic



Blots on the city landscape destroy lives, says Gummer

NICHOLAS SCHOON **Environment Correspondent**

John Gummer, the Secretary of State for the Environment, yesterday attacked urban eyesores. which had, he said, "destroyed the lives of a very large number

of people". And, in an unusual statement for a Conservative Cabinet minister, he said the bad environment resulting from many post-war developments was to blame for crime and anti-social behaviour. "It's not surprising that people draw graffiti. drop

litter and steal." he added. Mr Gummer was opening an exhibition on good design at the London headquarters of the Royal Institute of British Architects as part of his campaign to clear away eyesores and replace them with "good mannered" development which would be respected and admired for decades.

His targets were not just ugly 1960s concrete shopping centres Photograph: Kent News "executive-style" housing for the new life to run-down areas. ment, there are some out-

way it out itself off from the rest of society. "The 'executive close' is an abomination: it's meant to say we live here but we are not of here," he said. Mr Gummer said ordinary villagers rarely came to accept the people who lived in such developments as part of the community.

The planning minister in the Department of the Environment, Robert Jones, will repeat those views in a meeting today with the National Federation of House Builders, which represents big home constructors. Mr Gummer said Britain

had much to learn from the Portuguese. There, when city authorities re-develop urban areas, they sometimes involve a historian and a sociologist in the design of the buildings and streets. The aim is to give a sense of continuity.

The Riba exhibition features 21 case studies where planners, landowners, architects and developers have, after consulting local people, collaborated in

The case studies are part of standing issues which show how a campaign which will lead to commercial pressures can stand Britain's first official, government guidance on what constitutes good urban design -new buildings, roads and open spaces that lit well with their

One is for the Whitefriars area of Canterbury, where the 1960s shops, multi-story car park and bus station built on a large bomb site within the stillstanding city walls have be-come an embarrassment. The buildings clash with the narrow streets and the old, two- and three-storey houses which still dominate the cathedral city's historic core; in Whitefriars they are much taller, grey and flat-roofed and the streets are

surroundings and that should

stand the test of time. Several

of the schemes depicted in the

exhibition are certain to be

much wider. But while Canterbury City Council and another major landowner are well on the way

in the way of what is now re-

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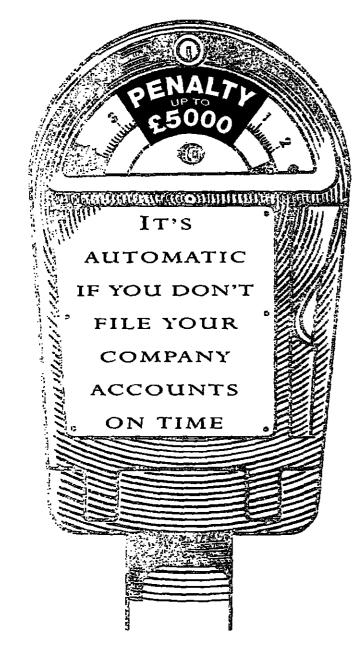
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garded as good design. Today's majority view is that there should be mixed development in city centres instead of the zoning of the past, with homes as well as shops and offices. That cuts the need to travel to work and helps keep the area alive at night. In Canterbury there is a debate on how much housing there will be in Whitefriars - currently there is

Another contentious issue concerns parking. The council's policy is to move car parks outside the city walls, making shoppers more reliant on park-andride schemes. It wants the number of car parking spaces in Whitefriars to be cut from the current 840 to 500. The chamber of commerce and many shop-owners are strongly op-

The exhibition runs at Riba. 66 Portland Place, London W1.



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Ban pain drug, says leading surgeon

LIZ HUNT

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A leading surgeon yesterday called for a ban on paracetamol, one of the most widely used painkillers in the world.

Professor Sir David Carter, director of the Liver Transplant Centre at Edinburgh Roy-al Infirmary, said that paracetamol overdose was the commonest cause of acute liver failure and accounted for about one in 10 of liver transplants he carried out.

The cheap, over-the-counter drug is highly toxic to the liver in large doses and as little as 20 tablets can result in life threatening liver disease. Many of those who take it are young and are making a "cry for help rather than a serious suicide attempt", he said.

Each year, there are 150 deaths and 30,000 hospital admissions due to paracetamol overdose. Following an overdose there is often a latent period in which the victim feels and appears quite well, thinks they have survived their suicide attempt and does not tell any-



Sir David Carter: Would like to

sees no need for medical help. When liver failure then develops it is often too late either to save the organ or carry out a

Speaking at the British Medical Association's annual clinical meeting in Istanbui yesterday, Sir David said: "I would like to see if off the shelves . . . I don't understand the reasons why it is available."

A paracetamol formulation. containing the chemical acetylcysteine, which acts as an antidote to the drug's toxic effects on the liver, is available but is much more expensive than paracetamol tablets. There is little support either from the Government or the drug industry for safer formulations at a more accessible price.

Sir David has promised to highlight the dangers of the drug in his role as the newly appointed Scottish Chief Medical Officer. Another issue he said he would emphasise is the idea

British Medical Association annual clinical meeting

Less than 10 per cent of kidneys transplanted in the UK come from living donors - usu-ally a close relative or partner willing to give up one of their healthy kidneys for someone in end-stage renal failure who needs dialysis to survive. In Norway, where living donors have formally been incorporated into the national transplant programme, the figure is 40 per cent, and in the US 20 per cent.

The success rate of living donor transplants over that of kidneys removed from a dead donor was "startling", he said. After three years, 85 per cent of kidneys donated by a spouse were still working satisfactorily, and 82 per cent in the case of a parent-to-child transplantation. However, the figure fails to 70 per cent if organs from a cadaver are used.

The use of a "fresh" kidney from a healthy living person was key to the success and appeared to over-ride tissue match consideration, Sir David said. "I am very struck by these figures. The results are so good. Why shouldn't we be doing more."

He said the risk to the living donor was small: "The Norwegian experience now extends to some 1,200 cases. None of the donors have died as a result of their donation – although two are [in kidney failure] after an interval of 12 to 15 years." An estimated 5,000 people in

the UK need a new kidney and about half will get one. Demand for organs is increasing at about

Liver tissue donations are more problematic because of the significant risk to the donor, Sir David said. Technical advances mean that liver transplants can be carried out using grafts (lobes of the liver) taken from a living person, and a small number have been performed around the world, usually parent to child. "If you have a mother wanting to donate to a child - with the possible risk to her life - then the problems are



DAILY POEM

Autumn Haiku

The chrysanthemums huming - among the flames

Sit watching wild ducks migrating - clasping knees as Aikito Arima: in tern burials

From the pigeon house one feather floating up to the brilliant full moon

unumn leaf bonfires

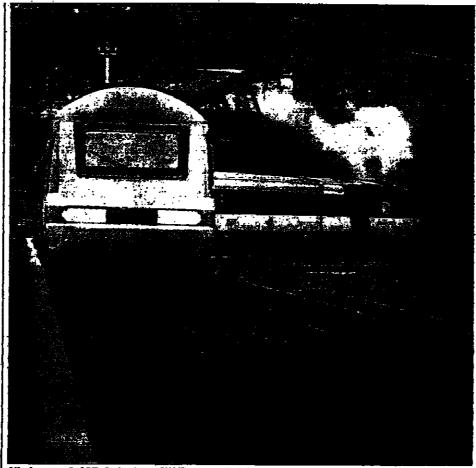
Shugyo Takaha All sick patients stretching out their white hands to

Hakyo Tshida

Autumn in Japan does not coincide exactly with authors in Europe, writes James Kirkup. The ancient hunar calendar is still respected in rural areas, governing the dates of festivals and religious ceremonies, so that August is already automatin the traditional world of haiku; Hiroshima Day on 6 August in the traditional world of haiku; Hiroshima Day on 6 August falls within this time. The usual imagery of falling leaves, the harvest moon, chrysanthemums and migrating birds, however, is common to both oriental and Western cultures. I have chasen traditional haiks that fit both conceptions of autumin

James Kirkup is president of the British Haiku Association

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All change: A 125, in its new GW livery, polls in at Bristol Temple Meads Photograph: SWNS

Great Western colours leave fans steaming

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

The expected rush of new logos and train liveries following rail privatisation began in earnest yesterday with Great Western becoming the first of the new

companies to abandon all ves-tiges of its British Rail design. In unveiling its new dark-green and ivory livery, which will disappoint traditionalists who hoped for a return to the line's traditional chocolate and cream, the managing director of Great Western, Brian Scott, confirmed many of the improvements d when the line was pra-

vatised in February.
Great Western, which operates inter-city services to the
West and South Wales, is now run by a consortium controlled by the management-employee buy-out team, with support from a bus company and a merchant bank.

Mr Scott said Great Western had increased the mumber of trains every weekslay from 134



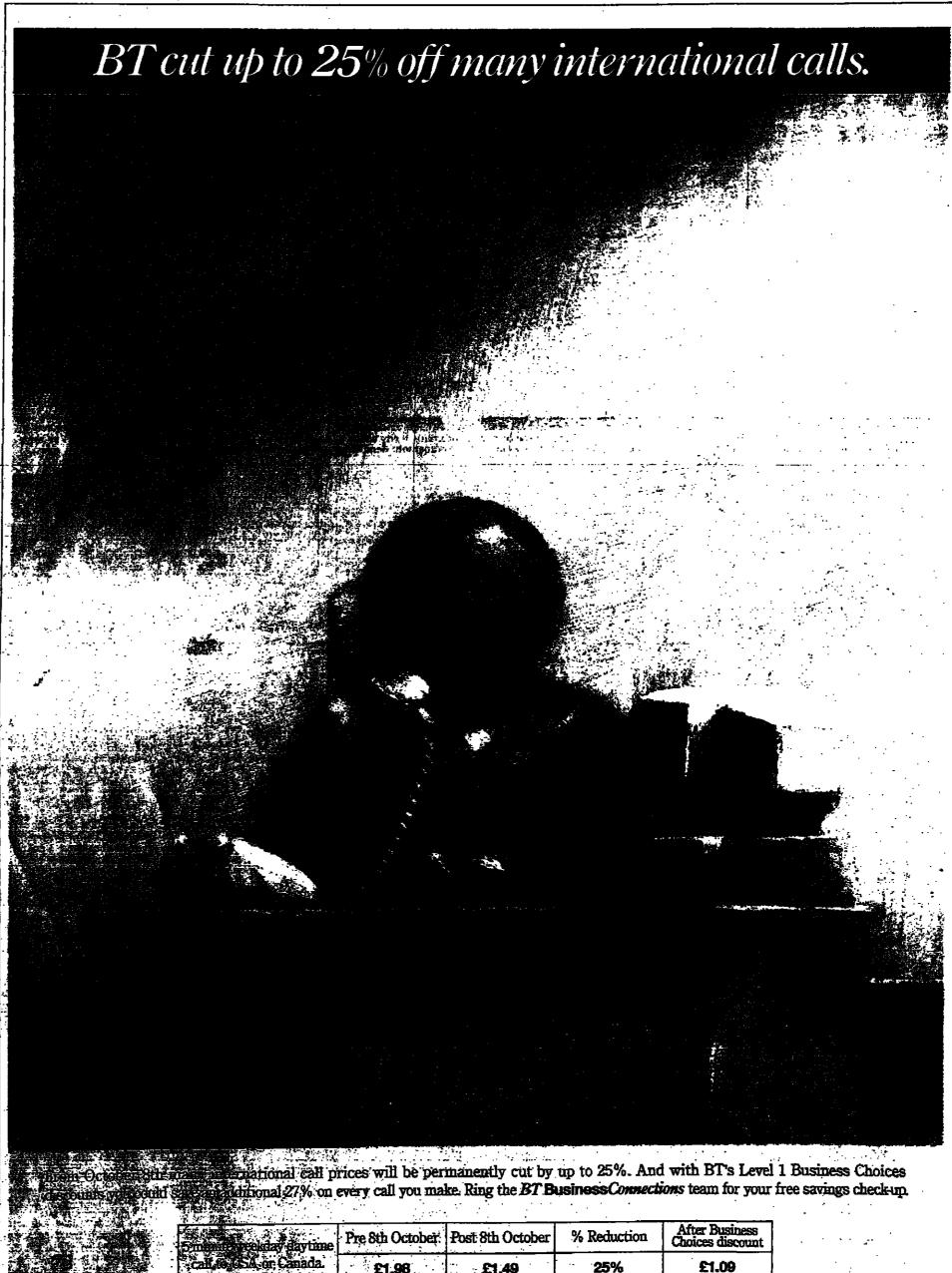
and Cardiff would be introduced by the summer of 1999. Two extra train "sets" had been booght, innovations such as fam-By carriages are to be extended, and there will be a new uniform for 1,500 staff. Half the fleet of 38 trains will be sport-

ng new livery by next autumn.

PUBLIC PAYPHONES AND ISON INTERNATIONAL DATA CALLS, QUARTERLY SITE FEE PAYABLE ES (EX VAT) FOR BUSINESS CHOICES LEVEL 1.

Richard George, Great West-ern's deputy managing director, admitted that many of the imhappened under BR.

"In many respects it's not dif-ferent under rail privatisation," he said. "But we can get off our backsides quicker and we have



BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

Unions yesterday warned Gordon Brown that his job-creating "windfall" tax on privatised utilities could put tens of thou-

sands on the dole. As the shadow Chancellor reaffirmed his intention to introduce the levy in a keynote address to the conference. union leaders urged him to think "long and hard" about its

potential impact.

Mr Brown will have to take tough measures to prevent companies making employees redundant in order to pay the tax. employee representatives said. Donald McGregor, a na-

Ayes have it for

Harman

in NEC

vote

Chief Political Correspondent

Tony Blair's leadership was

given a boost last night when Harriet Harman was re-elected

to the party's ruling National Executive Committee despite attacks on her choice of a gram-

of Hilary Armstrong to replace

Joan Lestor in the women's section, and Ian McCartney who

beat John Evans for the seat for

dorsement of Tony Blair's leadership. It's all a net gain," said

Ms Harman's vote fell slightly from 69,029 to 58,112, but she managed to hold onto her seat as a result of the quota for

women on the NEC. "I am

absolutely delighted." she said.

"It is tremendous support from

the party to put me back on.

It's been a difficult year and I feel I can absolutely put it

The Shadow social security

secretary ran for the post

against the advice of some colleagues who feared it would

damage the leadership. She had the satisfaction of proving them wrong, but is still facing a difficult time tomorrow over

Baroness Castle, the veteran former Cabinet minister, vesterday accused Ms Harman of

"inventing" figures to rebut her

campaign for the restoration of

earnings. Lady Castle told a

fringe meeting she would en-

gage in "statistical warfare" to

defeat Ms Harman in the vote

Lady Castle, 85, accused the

party of "fighting dirty" and is

refusing to accept the compro-

mise of a commission on

pensions accepted by Jack

Jones, the pensioners' leader.

man polled more votes than the

left-winger, Diane Abbott, who

was re-elected. Ms Abbott saw

her support rise from 45,653 to

54,800. The biggest jump was for

Robin Cook, seen as a leader of

the left in the Shadow Cabinet.

the record straight.

at the conference.

"This is a very good result for the leadership. It is a strong en-

mar school for her son. Mr Blair also reinforced his grip on the NEC by the election

the socialist societies.

one Blair source.

behind me now."

pensions.

COLIN BROWN

Mike Jeram, of the public service union Unison, said he understood why Labour was planning to introduce the tax: I'm as revolted as anyone else about the excesses in the industry, but it will have to be thought through thoroughly.

Ken Jackson, general secre-tary of the Amalgamated En-gineering and Electrical Union. said there was a real danger that the tax could cost tens of thousands of jobs and that management would simply blame a Labour government for the re-

though the Labour movement is in broad agreement over the

ing and re-training employees. So far, however, Labour has insisted that it would use the adneed for a tax. The Government is likely to use the union and £10bn by most estimates -

for a five-year programme to re-

duce unemployment national-

y and in particular to create

50,000 jobs for the under-25s.

Party officials have indicated

that the tax could extend beyond

'It must be a tax on windfall profits, not a tax on jobs'

comments, however, as ammunition in its argument against the levy.

In a series of private meetings with Mr Brown, senior union officials have argued that revenue the water and electricity indusraised from the new tax should,

tional official of the GMB general union, said: "It must be a liar warnings by ministers and tax on windfall profits, not a tax

The unions fears echo similar warnings by ministers and companies specifically for training and re-training employees.

The unions fears echo similar warnings by ministers and companies specifically for training and re-training employees. Gas when it could be shown that excess profits were being made. Mr Jackson said the privatised utilities had already suf-

> the tax could make it worse. The power supply industry had shed 40,000 jobs in six years, with National Power reducing its work force from 17,000 to 4,500, he said. Next week, British Energy, the privalised nuclear industry, is expected to announce 2,000 job

fered massive redundancies and

osses in a workforce of 7,000. The engineering union leader said that if current Labour plans went ahead, com-

panies would continue to make special payments to their shareholders, but make cutbacks in jobs. A Labour government would introduce tough regulations to prevent that.

According to industry

sources, PowerGen has sought a deal with Labour in order to avoid the tax. Management indicated to the party that there could be provision for more training in the industry as a quid pro quo. Some regional electricity and

water companies have indicated they have agreed exemptions with the party, but Labour has since denied such an arrange-

Donald Macintyre, page 15

YESTERDAY AT THE CONFERENCE

- End NHS internal market • Return trusts' assets to NHS Ban on tobacco advertising
Cut £100m from NHS bureaucracy

money to be used to clear waiting list for cancer surgery

Windfall tax on utilities to pay for training End to "obscene" executive pay increases

Rejected renationalisation of utilities

party called the 'dirty overall' brigade."

QUOTES OF THE DAY "Let us have an end to this talk of divorce." Diana Jeuda, chair of the party and USDAW apparatchik

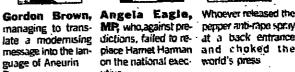
"Next week the Tories will be organising for the election that matters to them - their coming leadership election." Gordon Brown

"John Edmonds of GMB...representing what the Tory

"For years we have said that no one will believe pre-election Tory tax cuts can last. Suddenly Kenneth Clarke - new Clarke, new honesty - tells us he agrees."









managing to trans- MP, who against pre- peoper anti-rape spray late a modernising dictions, failed to re- at a back entrance message into the lan- place Harnet Harman and choked the

THE CROWD PULLERS ON THE FRINGE

at a Young Labour meeting addressed by MPs Mo Mowlam and Judith Church, and 200 at the Country Landowners' Association fringe - an ample free lunch

Peter Mandelson, head of election planning, protesting: "I am not a spin doctor. I don't speak to journalists."

THE PARTY TO BE SEEN AT

Young Fabians' reception with Peter Mandelson, Joint GMB T&G reception sup with the trade union barons in the Spanish Hall suite of the Winter Gardens

Baroness Castle and Harriet Harman in rival

pensioner rallies, 80 people each. But there were 100

Lord Hollick, media magnate Cedric "the pig" Brown, ex-British Gas chief, dining in the super-expensive River House Sinead Cusack, actress

Gordon Brown (shadow chancellor) Chris Smith (health)

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Tony Blair delivers leader's speech. Debates on representation of women

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Tougher line to be taken on Cullen

COLIN BROWN

in the party and Europe

Chief Political Correspondent

Tony Blair will today harden Labour's policy against handguns by making it clear he would reject the report by Lord Cullen into the Dunblane killings if it recommends limit-

ed curbs. The party leader will use his keynote speech to give a pledge that a Labour government will ban all handguns over .22 calibre sporting weapons from pri-

vate ownership and gun clubs. Lord Cullen has agreed not to deliver his report until after the conference season is over. to avoid it becoming a party political issue. But there is strong sneculation that he will recommend a partial ban, allowing clubs to keep high-calibre weapons of the type used by Thomas Hamilton to kill 16 chil-

dren and a teacher in Dunblane before shooting himself. John Major has promised legislation in the next Queen's Speech, and Tory sources have hinted that like Mr Blair, he might be prepared to go further than the Cullen recommendations by seeking a total ban on the weapons. The Home Secretary, Michael Howard, is believed to be sceptical about them such a move. Mr Major and Mr clubs.

cross-party solidarity with the parents of the victims. Mr Blair will recall the visit in his speech today, but his intervention will mark Labour out as the party which is tough on gun laws. Jack Straw, the shadow Home Secretary, has led the

Blair visited the scene of the

tragedy together in an act of

way in warning that Labour would ban handguns from private possession, and clubs. if it was recommended by Cullen. But Mr Blair will go further in leaving little doubt that he would be prepared to overrule the Cullen recommendations, if they fail to propose a total ban

on large magnum guns. Politically, Labour believes it will also prove a powerful vote winner with the public, and give a sharp edge to Labour's law-and-order policies, in contrast to the Tories who are divided over the issue.

The gun lobby will be in evidence next week at the Tory party conference, pressing the Government not to impose a han on clubs who keep hand-

Lord Cullen is reported to have decided to recommend banning handguns from private ownership, but to allow them to be held by shooting





New Labour New Technology: Blair's

grand design shows they're serious

In the NEC fight, Ms Har- At about 3.30pm yesterday, a pepper spray broke in one of the zillion X-ray security machines that dot the Winter Gardens. and released a debilitating gas into the beart of the press area (suspicionaly the cloud was at its worst over the Telegraph who topped the poll with and FT, but had largely dissi-109,801 votes - 20,000 more pated by the time it got to The

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determined never to surrender In Brighton, you will recall, they had built a little classical temple for Paddy to emerge from. But dominating the Winter Gardens is a Sixties Brezhnevite Memorial to the Heroic Pioneers of Socialist Space Flight, or Solidarity with the

Third World. In the middle is a granitecoloured plinth, sloping up-wards from left to right. But where you would expect to find a copper sputnik or a concrete-cast struggling peasant, there is a microphone and lectern, from which speakers address the toiling masses below.

Even more dramatic, however, is a three-storey high backdrop, standing to either side of the Socialist Speeches Statue, and coloured like a red dawn on a healthy morning. The Vioscow 1966 theme is careful-



AARONOVITCH

the hall with red banners, declaring the paradise to come. The effect of all this unex-pected architectural reference to what used to be called "the achievements of real Socialism' has been to disorient some delegates. During yesterday's bealth debate one woman told us that "hospitals are being sold ... and supermarkets are being built in their place". This is a terrifying prospect. Am I going to whip down to the Royal Free

find myself in the canned fruit section of Waitrose? Or was there a teeny bit of exaggeration eoing on?

To recover from this apoalling tale of the Tory present, l decided to take a glimpse at the Labour future, by attending a meeting entitled "New Life for Young People", introduced by a smart young woman who said "Hi there". The main speaker was Mo Mowlam, who told us that Young Labour is about Energy, Excitement, Confidence and CD-Roms.

And indeed there was the New Labour CD-Rom, featuring a digitised Mowlam, who was not nearly as attractive as the analogue version. Still, the ability to conjure up parallel Mowlams is a clear victory for British ingenuity. Both Mowlams were agreed on one

agers hadn't gone to the polis in 1992. It was terrible! Something had to be done. The candidate for Sevenoaks,

a tall 14-year-old dressed in clothes so absurdly conventional that, when I was a student, they would have marked him out as a leading light in the Monday Club, or the League of Empire Loyalists, wanted to know whether there wasn't a case for compulsory voting as in Australia. Mo. to her credit, was not

seen. She may have noticed that Neighbours hardly suggests a revolutionary level of political consciousuess amongst Antinodean vouth. And, of course, she's right. For many young people voting is like cleaning their bedrooms. And with the polls closing at 10pm quite a few simply don't get up in time.

Candidates forced to deny coercion

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

Labour responded to The Independent's report yesterday that parliamentary candidates had been coached in the answers to give to our survey - by ordering them to sign a letter. published in today's newspaper. saying they are not automatons.

At a meeting of candidates yesterday morning, a letter was presented by party officials, and those present were asked to sign it. When some candidates objected that this exercise might lend substance to The In-

dependent's claim that they had been marshalled to give the "correct" answers, the official said that signing the letter was voluntary - but that those who decided not to sign had to tele-phone party staff later to give

In the letter, 18 candidates say: "Of course we seek advice from head office on matters of policy, but the answers we give and the opinions we express are our own." One candidate yesterday compared their position to that of Labour MPs: "They are under a three-line whip. Why shouldn't we be?"

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'Gorbachev asked if things

were getting out of hand.'

Kohl's memoirs, page 11

The survey of candidates in Labour's winnable seats revealed that the official "line" was that the trade union block vote should be cut below the present 50 per cent share of party conference - a line given internal briefings for candidates.

The Independent interviewed 42 of the 87 candidates in the marginal seats Labour believes it must win to form a secure government. Of these, 38 said the union block vote should be cut

In another development today, supporters of the Labour leuder. Tony Blair, are to urge the party to make another dramatic series of internal reforms. including cutting the trade union link and deciding policy by ballots of party members. The party's annual confer-

"showcase" for policies decided by the leadership after consultation with party members, according to the Labour Co-ordinating Committee (LCC), the leading pressure group of party "modernisers". In a report published today.

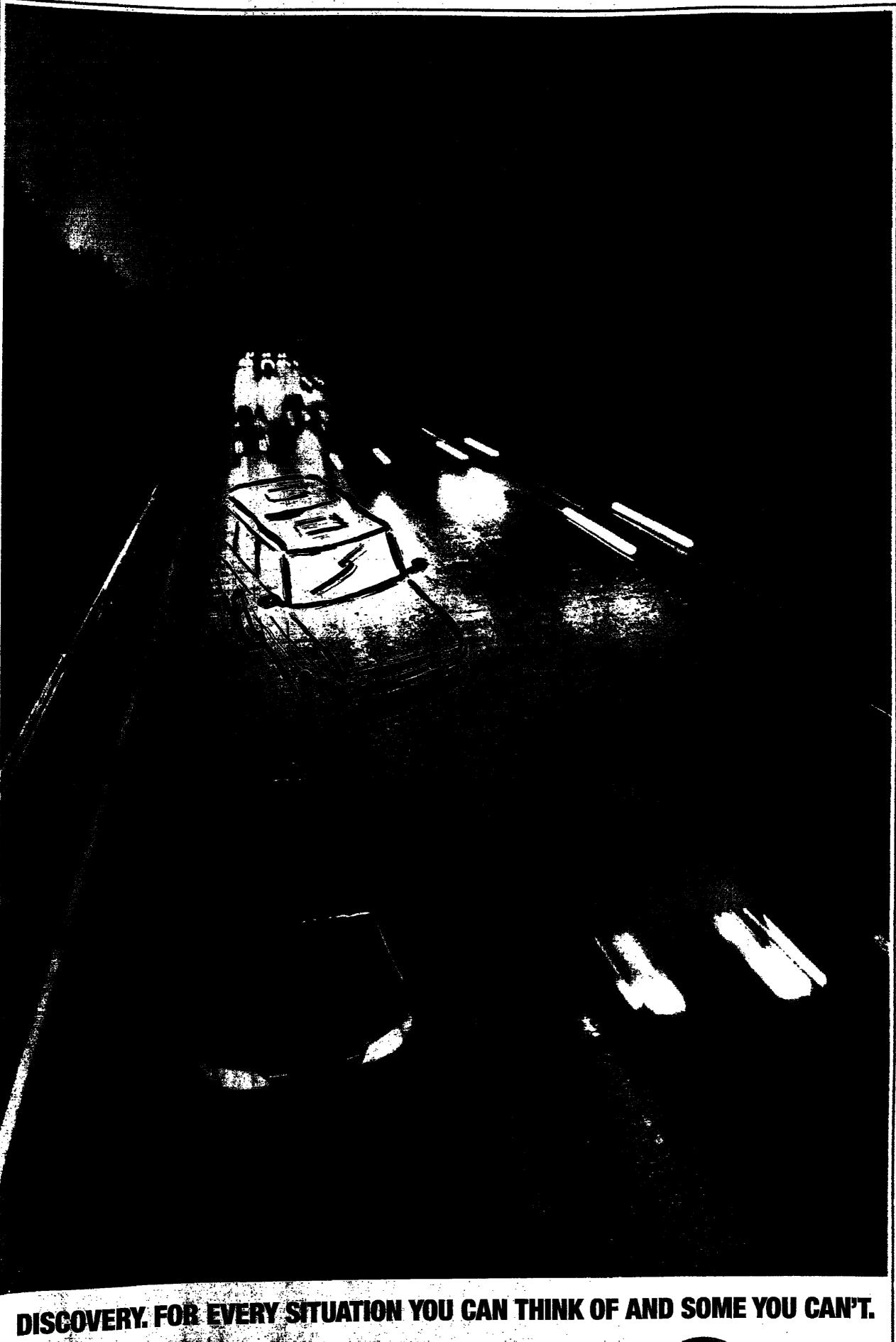
the group says: "Party confer-ence has rightly ceased to be the annual policy-making forum for the party. And it says Labour should

learn from the "poll lift which successful conventions gave the Republicans and then the Democrats this summer in

The group, which boasts Mr Blair as a member, argues for an end to policy-making by passing resolutions, and for the abolition of a layer of local party

ence should be turned into a

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Tougher EU cuts about to bite

London

European Union governments pressed ahead with strict aus-terity measures yesterday, determined to resist increasing opposition from their workforces and to fulfil the conditions for launching a single currency in 1999. Governments in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy and Spain have all introduced, or are about to introduce, some of the toughest spending cuts in decades in orler to reduce their budget deficits to the level required to participate in European eco-

Spain's conservative governnent yesterday presented to parliament the most restrictive rudget since the return of

nomic and monetary union

Strike protests as wages are frozen ready for single currency

qualify for EMU.

The European Commission

has signalled it will approve the

manoeuvre, not least because EMU is unthinkable unless

democracy in 1975. Despite an unemployment rate of 22.3 per cent, all areas of state spending except health, pensions and regional transfers are to be cut or kept at current levels, and the wages of millions of state em-

ployees are being frozen. Thousands of public sector workers, including those from two police unions, whistled and chanted slogans outside the Economy Ministry in Madrid and even tipped a lorryload of ice at the ministry's entrance in protest. The unions plan a national "day of action" on 15 October and more protests if their complaints are not addressed. However, the Prime Minister, Jose Maria Aznar, insists that nothing will deflect him from his

goal of making Spain one of the founders of the euro, as the sin-

gle currency is to be called. He EMU in 1999, but some critics suspects that, if Spain is not there at the start, it will pay a heavy price in terms of economic prosperity and political influence in Europe.

In France, where a big civil rvice strike has been called for 17 October, tens of thousands of teachers stopped work for one day yesterday in protest at government plans to abolish about 2,300 jobs in the education system and forced the closure of hundreds of schools.

As in Spain, President Jacques Chirac's Gaullist-led government is slashing state spending to reduce the French budget deficit to 3 per cent of Gross Domestic Product in 1997. This would enable France to meet the Maastricht treaty's criteria for participating in

France takes part. Yet it seems clear from Italy's 1997 budget say it is too deflationary a polthat Rome would like to per-form similar sleights of hand in icy when unemployment is 12.6 per cent and the economy this year is expected barely to grow order to be in the single curat all. If the government achieves its deficit target, it rency from the start. That bothers those central

will be partly because of unusual accounting manoeuvres such who oppose the inclusion in as the transfer of 37.5bn francs EMU of countries with a track record of currency instability and fiscal extravagance. On the (£4.8bn) to state coffers in return for the government's taking over of certain pension liabilities from France Téléother hand, as the former editor of La Repubblica , Engenio Scalfari, recently noted, the com. This sum represents about political implications of Italy's 0.5 per cent of French GDP, relusion from the single curmaking it more likely that rency could be enormous.
"It's clear that the outcome France will be close enough to the 3 per cent deficit target to

would be catastrophic for Italy," he said. Among the possible consequences would be the collapse of the lira, soaring inflation, and a more concerted

bankers and finance ministers

push by the regionalist North-ern League to force the secus-sion of rich northern Italy from the poorer south. Italy has so far largely escaped the social unrest evident in other budget-cutting European countries, but in Germany more than 5,000 Mercedes-Benz workers went on strike vesterday in a growing dispute over government cuts in sick pay entitlement. The giant

engineering workers' union, IG

Metall, has called for a full day

of protest on 24 October. Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government has already segovernment has already sc-cured the passage of key parts of its 1997 ansterity programme, but at the cost of rising trade union discontent. Belgium's Christian Socialist Prime Minister, Jean-Luc Dehaene, has gone to the extremes of acquiring special powers to legis-late by decree on the budget so that Belgium can join the euro.

significant shorts

Swiss vote for South Korean spotlight on war wealth

Switzerland's lower house of parliament voted yesterday for a sweeping historical study of Swiss financial deal-ings with Nazi Germany and the fate of Jewish wealth deposited before, during and after the Second World War. The National Council endorsed a decree put forward

by the cabinet, sending the measure for final approval to the upper chamber of parlia-ment. The 162-0 vote showed support across the political spectrum and indicated the final approval of the study was likely. Reuter - Berne

Soldier denies killing Palme

A former Rhodesian specialforces soldier named as the assassin of the Swedish prime minister Olof Palme dismissed the allegation as "nebulous and far-fetched".

The South African Dirk Coetzee, self-confessed leader of an apartheid hit squad, told Swedish journalists that he had heard that Ant White carried out the murder of Palme in Stockholm in 1986. Mr White said. in Mozambique, that he was not involved, and added that he had no idea why Coctzee whom he said he had never met, had spread the allegations. Reuter - Johannesburg

Serb, Croat and Muslim members of Bosnia's newlyelected collective presidency arrived at the Saraj motel in Sarajevo for their first session since they were elected earli-er this month, officials said. Serb leader Momcilo Krajisnik entered the city from the Serb's mountain village headquarters of Pale for the first time since war erupted in April 1992. Reuter - Sarajevo

Killer denies massacre

Amid one of the tightest security operations Australia has seen, Martin Bryant, the 29-year-old man charged over the world's biggest mas shooting by a lone gunman, appeared in court to plead not guilty to the murders of 35 people at Port Arthur,

Tasmania, last April. Bryant appeared in the Tasmanian Supreme Court surrounded by police and separated from the gallery, where survivors sat with the families of those who died, by bullet-proof glass. He will stand trial on 19 November. Robert Milliken – Sydney

troops kill infiltrator

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South Korean troops have killed another North Korean infiltrator, bringing to 22 the number of Pyongrang agents shot dead after coming ashore from a submarine on 18 September, the defence ministry said.

A spokesmen also said that South Korean soldier, 21year-old sergeant Han Day-sung, was gunned down by colleagues who mistook h for an infiltrator. Five South ern soldiers and one civilian have been killed during the manhunt for the estimated 26 intruders. Reiter - Seed

£84m Cork cocaine haul

Gardai said they had seized the largest cocaine haul in the history of Ireland over the weekend.

The drugs, with a street value of up to £84m, were found in a converted Norwegian trawler sheltering from heavy gales in a port in Cork, southern Ireland; the winds had forced the Sea Mist from its route between Venezuela and northern Europe. Four people are being held.

Rester - Dublin

Kenya's death dungeons

Bosnia leaders
first meeting

Kenya's prisons are among the most "cruel, inhuman and horrifying in the world", according to a report just by the Kenya Human Rights Commission.

Describing the country's jails as "dungeons of death", the report. A Death Sentence: Prison Conditions in Kenya, tells of overcrowded cells infested with lice, fleas, bedbugs and mosquitoes as well as of leaking roofs and cracked floors smeared with human waste. Citing former inmates, it says the sick are sometimes chained on hospital beds for days with dead prisoners beside them. Some inmates are said to be forced by hunger and lack of water into eating their own waste and washing in their own urine. David Orr - Natrobi

Sun sets on

Madras India's southern state of Tamil Nadu has changed the name of its capital city from Madras to Chennai with effect from yesterday, the United News of India (UNI) said. The city gave up its name, acquired during British colonial rule, to return to an ancient title through a Bill passed by the state assembly last month. Reuter - New Delki

Britain calls for pressure on Burma

HRISTOPHER BELLAMY

Britain will today demand the iuropean Union takes interational action against Buroa's military regime, after urther arrests and repressive actics at the weekend which hreatened to destroy the counry's fragile democracy movenent. The ruling military overnment banned the oppoition leader and Nobel peace rize winner, Aung San Suu Kyi, om giving a speech to a threeay opposition party congress. he authorities also cut off acess to her Rangoon home and rrested about 500 people.

The EU's "political directors" senior foreign ministry officials om the 15 member countries ill meet today in Brussels. The oreign Office declined to say hat precise action the EU night take. "In trade terms we nly sell about £15m worth of uff to Burma a year," one Forign Office source said. Instead, ritain hopes to stimulate further ressure from EU members and, iore importantly from Burma's :gional neighbours.

Diplomatic sources yesterday ud they doubted whether the urmese government would deiin Ms Suu Kyi, who was reased from six years of house rrest in July 1995, but would y to marginalise her and rerict media coverage. The urmese government, run by ie State Law and Order estoration Council (Slorc), ild it had detained 109 memers of Ms Suu Kyi's National

League of Democracy as part of an operation intended to prevent the party's weekend meet-

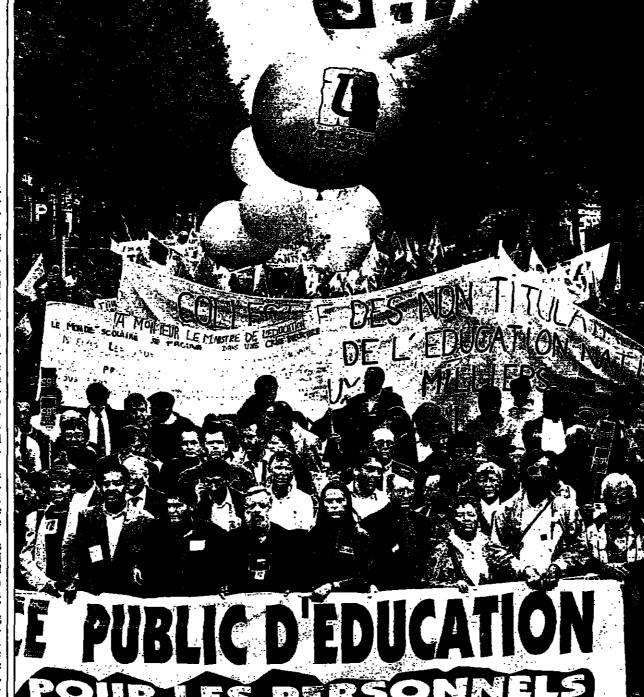
ing from taking place.

It set up police checkpoints on all roads leading to Ms Suu Kyr's home in University Avenue, Rangoon, where the meeting was due to be held, and stopped anyone using the road from Friday morning onwards. Although the checkpoints were due to come down on Sunday, they were still there yesterday. A number of people heading for the meeting, held to celebrate the eighth anniversary of the NLD's foundation, were detained briefly. About 500 NLD members have been held since Thursday, and a group of foreign journalists were detained at their hotel in the street overlooking Ms Suu Kyi's house.

"The UK believes it will be necessary to take further international action against the Slorc. We will be proposing possible measures to EU partners," the Foreign Office said yesterday.

"We deplore Slore actions preventing Aung San Suu Kyi from delivering her weekend speech. Restrictions on freedom of speech and assembly are a breach of basic human rights."

The NLD won a resounding victory in the 1990 general election but the military government never recognised the results. The most recent crackdown on the opposition took place in May, when about 260 activists were arrested. Most were released but a score were convicted and given long prison sentences.



Who speaks for God, deep in the heart of politics?

One voice: Several thousand striking teachers marching through Paris yesterday to protest against the government's plans to cut 2,300 jobs. The action closed hundreds of schools across the country Photograph: Reuter

ustin — Here in the Bible Belt 's hard sometimes to tell who

speaking for God. Take, for example, last Sunry's service at Great Hills Bap-st Church, which seats 3,600. his is a large church, even by exas standards, although big-er ones exist in Houston and allas. The 150-member choir nd 30-piece brass and string and rocked and rolled through veral hymns. In an illuminati pool, below a huge white oss, four members of the conegation were baptised by umersion, and the audience plauded each dunk. The lionaned pastor, Harold O'Chesr, stepped in and out from hind his Plexiglass pulpit, outing and whispering into his icrophone, punching the air or floor for emphasis. Four video cameras whirred away.

Before the sermon, the pastor introduced a visitor. "It's election time," he began, picking his words carefully. "Our church cannot endorse a candidate for office, but I'd like to introduce one." Teresa Doggett. Republican candidate for Congress, and her husband, stood and were applauded.
The Rev O'Chester was care-

ful to avoid partisan politicking because his church, for tax purposes, is non-profit. As such, it can legally educate voters, but cannot co-ordinate that activity with the campaigns of specific candidates. This is a touchy point because Great Hills Church in the past has distrib**TEXAS TALES**

Elaine Davenport charts her state's progress during the run-up to the US elections

> uted voter guides prepared by the Christian Coalition, a national group of religious conservatives founded by the evangelist Pat Robertson. On 30 July,

the bipartisan Federal Election Commission sued the Christian Coalition for violating federal election rules, accusing it of illegally using voter guides, mailings and telephone banks to back Republican candidates in 1990, 1992 and 1994.

This year, Jeff Fisher, executive director of the Texas Christian Coalition, says his group will go ahead with the planned distribution through 3,500 churches of four million voter guides for the 5 November general election, despite the federal lawsuit.

Perhaps it is Mr Fisher who is speaking for God, or perhaps it is the 300 moderate Protestant. Jewish and Catholic clergy and citizens who met in Austin last weekend to counter the conservative tide. They called on religious leaders throughout the state to block the Christian Coalition from using their

churches for partisan politics.

The moderate clergy say they have spent too much of the 1990s sitting on their hands while their conservative counterparts organised a formidable grass-roots political movement. They do not want to silence the Christian Coalition, they say, but to imitate its organisational prowess to spread their own message that religious ethics and compassion should influence, but not control, political issues. "I am a Christian and the Christian Coalition does not represent me or my congrega-tion or the God we worship," said Bobbi Kaye Jones, associ-

ate pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Austin. These politically minded religious groups are making Texas a prime battleground in the heated debate over public education. Nationally, there is discussion of eliminating the Department of Education, in order to put all decisions about schools squarely in local hands. In Texas, the 15 members of the State Board of Education -

which approves textbooks and works with the legislature to set school policy - face a tumult-uous few years of high-visibility, partisan politics. Eight of the 15 unpaid places on the Board are

up for grabs on 5 November. The issues they will confront include school prayer; whether to use public tax dollars to pay

gious schools through vouchers; sex education; bilingual education; parental rights; multicultural education; and, evolution versus creationism as science all meaty matters which would tax the wisdom of Solomon.

In 1993-94, there were at-tempts in 16 Texas school districts to censor books, according to People for the American Way, a national group which collects information on censorship and on leaders and groups who represent the reli-gious right. A well-known case of so-called "stealth" candidates taking over a local school board occurred in Round Rock, 15 miles north of Austin. Stealth candidates are so named be-

Conservatives gained control of the Round Rock school board in 1993 and fired the superintendent during their attempt to censor books and change long-standing policies. By 1995, the board was back in the hands of moderates such as Cindy Rose, who had become an activist. "We woke up and realised we had been blindsided, she said. "All they needed to take over ... were the votes from two

local conservative churches. Whoever is speaking for God these days, religion and politics in Texas seem to be bedding down together in a way that has the old theory of separation of church and state looking for



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Mandela turns on hostile media

Johannesburg

In the end, months of grass-roots rallies did not save him. Bantu Holomisa, a former ANC deputy minister, was yesterday expelled by his party af-ter accusing senior members, including President Nelson Mandela and Deputy President Thabo Mbeki, of accepting favours and political donations from the casino magnate Sol Kerzner.

President Mandela headed the 70-strong committee which showed the door to Mr Holomisa, who topped party elec-tions in 1994. Mr Holomisa's original sin was that in a testimony to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), he mentioned that the public en-terprises minister, Stella Sigcau, had received a 50,000 rand cut

Ms Sigcau has never denied it. But the ANC was furious with Holomisa for breaking ranks. When he refused to apologise to Ms Sigcau, President Man-dela dismissed him as a tourism minister, despite the TRC's complaints that this would undermined its credibility.

Mr Holomisa's allegations concerning ANC corruption grew, until he eventually claimed that President Mandela himself had discussed with him accepting a 2 million-rand party donation from Mr Kerzner in return for dropping bribery charges against him.

For many in the media, the Holomisa case is another sign that the ANC cannot handle dissent and that its president is more autocratic than his cuddly international image would suggest. This weekend President Mandela made the latest in a se-ries of attacks on journalists. His

target was senior black journalists, but a few weeks ago he accused the media of racist over its legitimate pursuit of a minister who wasted 10 million rand of Aids funding on an educational play.

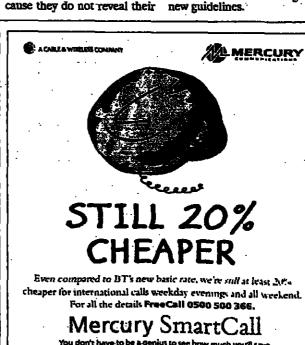
"The current trend is very worrying," said Khulu Sibiya, editor of City Press, yesterday. "The handling of recent political controversies and the hostility to the press do not augur well." Last week the President summoned him to ANC headquarters for a dressing down about an editorial which criticised the President's "unneccontroversial selection of a new chief justice.

"I have never seen him so furious," said Mr Sibiya, who has also criticised the ANC handling of Holomisa and the Aids scandal.Mr Sibiya says the ANC is ignoring the fact that most City

Press's stories are positive towards the ANC. The difficulty of meeting the

public's unrealistic expectations may help explain President Mandela's hostility to the press and his intolerance towards those who break party ranks. At the weekend he warned black journalists who criticised the government for failing to improve social conditions while focussing too hard on racial reconciliation, that they failed to appreciate what had hap-pened in the country. They were wrong to think that whites were lying on their essary" interference in the stomachs begging for mercy" controversial selection of a new they still had to be prevented from running into the arms of

the right wing.
The President warned there were still problems which could lead to a blood bath in South Africa if they were not handled with care.



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Middle East showdown: White House firm in face of Arab leaders' request to delay talks

US steps up pressure for crisis summit

PATRICK COCKBURN

Dismissing Arab demands for a postponement, the United States yesterday pressed ahead with plans to convene an emergency Middle East summit to try to restore peace between Israel and the Palestinians. Mike Mc-Curry, the White House spokesman, said: "We expect the meeting that the President an-

nounced yesterday to proceed." Earlier, Yasser Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman, and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, asked President Bill Clinton to postpone the summit set for tomorrow in Washington. Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, and King Hussein of Jordan have already left for the US. Later, after American officials said there was no question of delaying the summit, Palestinian officials said that Mr Arafat would go to Washingtin in any case. US officials said last night President Muharak would not be coming.

The request for a delay came because both Mr Arafat and President Mubarak said they wanted assurances that the summit would produce something. Mr Netanyahu has said he will not discuss the closure of the tunnel in the old city of make progress on the issues that Jerusalem, which sparked off the divide them." Five weeks before fighting last week in which 59 the presidential election, Mr

tinians say they want a date for the Israeli redeployment from also not want to alienate Jew-Hebron, now under heavy curish American voters by putting few, which Mr Netanyahu has pressure on Mr Netanyahu. long delayed. Mr Arafat will first go first to Luxembourg for a between Israeli, Palestinian, US meeting with European Union and UN officials failed to proforeign ministers before con- duce any agreement on what tinuing to Washington.

on withdrawal from Hebron. The offer is likely to be treated with suspicion by the Palestinians because the terms of an Israeli redeployment were

signed last year; they want the accord carried out as agreed. Asked if Mr Clinton had any commitments that the Washington meeting would produce substantive results, Mr Mc-



Refusal: Hosni Mubarak is not to attend the summit

Curry said: "These talks are occurring without preconditions. But based on the President's conversations yesterday, he hopes and expects the leaders to arrive in a frame of mind to the presidential election, Mr Palestinians and 14 Israelis died. Clinton will be eager to avoid Both the US and the Pales anything which looks like a anything which looks like a

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the US, called for non-stop ne-gotiations with the Palestinians the Palestinian spokesman said: "The idea was to agree on most everything here before going to Washington, but no conclusions were reached." He said the meeting between Abu Mazen for the PLO, Dore Gold for Mr Netanyahu, and Martin Indyk, the

US ambassador, was a failure. Mr Kanafani said: "The Israelis refused to agree on any political issues. They wanted to discuss security issues. They are not serious and Arafat does not want to meet Netanyahu just for

Meanwhile, Israeli commanders in the Gaza Strip were quoted as saying yesterday that indiscriminate shooting by Jewish settlers and Israeli soldiers ignited the bloodiest day of clashes in the strip last week. At least 21 people were killed and 350 wounded. The daily Haaretz said that during a tour of the Gaza settlements on Sunday, General Ariel Sharon, the Israeli Infrastructure Minister, was told by army commanders that shooting by settlers and Is-raeli soldiers had set events spinning out of control.

The commander of the Kfar Darom sector, Lieutenant Colonel Avi, told General Sharon: "An assembly began and stonethrowing, and there was a demonstration and attempts to disperse it by Assaf [the Israeli officer in charge] and also by the Palestinian police. The demonstrators got too close to the [settiement's] fence and shots were fired in the air. That pretty much set the sector on fire."

The newspaper quoted Brigadier General Yitzhak Ei-tan as adding: "This place is what set the whole strip on fire in the morning." Mr Netanyahu has accused Mr Arafat and the Palestinian police of opening



Ancient pathway: An orthodox Jewish family make their way through the disputed

Mr Netanyahu, on his way to Washington. Marwan Kanafani, archeological tunnel recently reopened in the old city of Jerusalem Europe has meagre offerings for Arafat

SARAH HELM BRUSSELS.

Might the Europeans now step forward to save the Oslo accords? Might the Europeans, at last, seize the initiative from fumbling Washington, and attempt to steer the Middle East back on to the path of reason?

Last night Yasser Arafat flew into Luxembourg to find out. In a surprise move, the European foreign ministers invited him for emergency talks on the eve of the proposed Middle East sun-mit in Washington. For Mr Arafat the purpose of

the meeting was clear. Both the Europeans and the US are "brokers" in the peace process. Brokers are expected to use influence to ensure the peace-making parties keep to their agreement. Since the eruption of violence last week, it must now he clearer than ever to Mr Arafat that the US can no longer be deemed an "honest broker".



Israel's breaches of both the spirit and word of the Oslo accords are plain for all to see, yet Bill Clinton shows no sign of willingness to pressure Mr Ne-tanyahu. In the run-up to the presidential election, Mr Clinton is unlikely to change his tune. Mr Arafat came to Luxembourg, therefore, to try to persuade the Europeans to do what Mr Clinton refuses to do - to stand up

over the Israeli government and there are many levers the EU could pull, should they so wish. For the EU, the benefits of active intervention in the Middle East peace process might seem self-evident, with stability on Europe's Mediter-ranean ring of paramount im-portance. The EU last year signed a far-reaching trade as-sociation deal with Israel, ofto the Israeli Prime Minister. fering wide access to EU
The Europeans have potentially a large degree of influence search and development. Israel

greatly values its image in Europe and Europe is its biggest trading partner. Under the previous Labour government of Yitzak Rabin, Israeli officials spoke in starry-eyed terms of Israel's future as "European"

rather than Middle Eastern. Many in the Labour foreign ministry even spoke of the day when Israel might join the EU. While the Likud government may be less enamoured of its European neighbours, even Mr Netanyahu understands the enormous value of Israel's ties with the Europeans.

Despite such influence, however, European political leaders rarely speak on matters concerning Israel without consulting Washington. For the Europeans, even the purpose of last night's meeting with Mr Arafat was distinctly unclear. At first, it appeared that the

EU invitation was issued to

Mr Arafat largely out of pique, because no European leader

had been invited to the planned Washington summit.

The so-called "troika" of European foreign ministers, Lamberto Dini of Italy, Dick Spring of Ireland and Hans van Mierlo of the Netherlands, appeared to have nothing of substance to offer Mr Arafat other than the familiar incantations of support for the peace process. Given the difficulties that the 15 always have in reaching agreement on sensitive questions of diplomacy, it has often been easier for the EU to pass the Middle East buck to the US. Occasionally, the Europeans have tried to take a clear political stance, but usually the member states end up squabbling. For example, the troika is currently debating whether to visit the Palestinian leadership in Orient

House, in Arab East Jerusalem

next month. Orient House is the

symbolic Palestinian "govern-ment" building in which Israel

The European's have throughout the peace process. tried to salve their consciences over the Middle East by digging deep into their pockets rather than raising their heads above the political parapet. The Europeans are the biggest aid donors to the Palestinians. In 1993 the EU promised 50 million Ecu to the Palestinian authority each year for four years. It was the Europeans who largely financed and arranged the

Palestinian elections last year. The best Mr Arafat can hope for from the European "brokers" is probably statements of good intent and further promises of aid. On Tuesday, EU foreign ministers will agree a mandate for a trade and co-operation agreement with the Palestinians. Such a deal, however, falls well short of what Mr Arafat came to ask for. He needs the Europeans to use their muscle to force Mr Ne-

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It is a summit on which the fumost undiplomatic brusqueness Yasser Arafat's request for a postponement, the White House ture of what is still referred to as the Middle East peace insisted the summit would be process may well depend. Yet 24 held today and Wednesday. "We hours before its advertised expect the meeting to proceed opening, no one was quite sure

as the President announced," his who would attend, how long it spokesman. Mike McCurry, would last, how the talks will be arranged, what topics they What Mr McCurry did not would deal with; even whether dwell on were Mr Clinton's the two protagonists would acplans should the discussions tually meet face to face. get bogged down, or if US me-diation at the highest levels Such was the situation here on the eve of the most vital proves the only means of movpeace-making initiative of the ing them forward. Would he de-Clinton Presidency, forced part none the less with his upon him in the midst of a pres-

debate briefing books, even at idential election campaign, just as he was about to prepare for an important televised debate the risk of a spectacular foreign policy failure that could place him on the defensive with Mr with his Republican opponent, Dole? The answer is, surely not. Bob Dole. In fact the two events Be it domestic or foreign af-- the desperate, improvised fairs, no one calculates the pobid for a truce between Israelis and Palestinians and the chorelitical consequences of a given ographed debate over whose move more carefully than Mr format negotiators jockeyed Clinton. Yet in this instance he for weeks - have become mexhad little choice. In his own words on Sunday, the violence This was supposed to have in Israel was "spinning out of been a quiet week by Bill Clincontrol", threatening not mereton's hectic standards, a little ly to set back, but to destroy the

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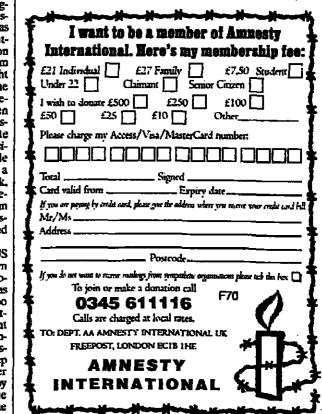
a Democratic president alike.

Virtually ignored during the

self for the confrontation with first days of the crisis, the US had Mr Dole. Those plans now hang to act, whatever the risks, to pre-by a thread. Dismissing with serve its own credibility. And these risks are not neg ligible. The conventional wis-

dom is that the President has little to lose: a successful outcome would be a colossal boon to his campaign, projecting him as a president using the weight of his office, dispelling some fresh doubts over his competence in foreign policy. Even breakdown need not be disastrous; the American electorate have watched enough presidents grapple with the Middle East to understand that even a combination of Bismark. Machiavelli and Marcus Aurelius would find the problem intractable. Like his predecessors. Mr Clinton will be judged to have done his best.

The real danger lies in the US being snubbed, or being shown to have no influence on proceedings. Hence its bluntness as Mr Arafat hesitated. Hence too the ill-concealed disappointment that Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak will not be coming failing any guarantee that Israel would take any serious step towards the Palestinians, either on the archaeological tunnel by the al-Aqsa mosque, or on the wider issue of implementing the



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Crisis in Afghanistan: Fundamentalist militia could bring stability to the region and open up trade routes for Pakistan



Bhutto denies aiding Taliban's advance

RAYMOND WHITAKER

Benazir Bhutto denied yesterday that her government had helped the Taliban militia to seize control of neighbouring Afghanistan, and said she hoped to exercise a moderating influence" on the funda-mentalist movement, which has imposed sharia (strict Muslim law) and forced women into pur-

dah. But, the Pakistani Prime

emerges in Afghanistan, we have to work with it". When the Taliban closes girls' schools, I am unhappy," Ms Bhutto said at a lecture London. This was conveyed to them, and I was told some of the schools had reopened." Although Pakistan recognised the

movement as the new Afghan government barely a day after it captured the capital, Kabul, last week, she insisted her government had remained neutral, and was still waiting to see whether the Taliban could assert control over the whole country.

Ms Bhutto, who has power-ful opposition from fundamentalists at home, admitted that the Taliban was a "militant" organisation whose effect on women and on the more liberal atmosphere in Pakistan would have to be considered. "We will find out whether it is a tribal movement, or whether

it is an expression of people's desire for peace," she said. "We have to let Afghans determine their own future, whether it is good, bad or ugly."

brokered by the United Nations and the West, but international attention had been diverted by other conflicts, leaving a vacuum which the Taliban had filled. "Let us now see if they can bring peace to Afghanistan

for the first time since 1979." Pakistan has long wanted to open trade routes across Afghanistan to the developing economies of central Asia, and suspicious remain that Islamabad's Inter Services Intelligence organisation, which frequently operates outside civilian control, backed the Taliban. Ms Bhutto said there would be economic benefits if the region were more stable, but added: "We didn't expect the

Taliban to take over Kabul." In many ways, the Taliban night be more acceptable to Islamabad and even to Washington than they are to the majority of Afghans. With unseemly haste, the Clinton administration has also given support, even as the corpse of former dictator, Najibullah – supposedly under UN protection - was still dan-gling from a Kabul lamppost. Diplomats in Islamabad and

New Delhi said that the Americans are not displeased by the Taliban conquest of Kabul, despite the refusal of the militia's ruling six-man council to behave according to the minimum ac-

ceptable norms on human rights. Washington views the Taliban as useful in preventing the spread of Islamic revolution from neighbouring Iran, since Kabul's new lords belong to the

of Iran to be little better than heretics. Washington also looks upon the Taliban as useful allies in the international war against drugs.

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The Clinton administration is also counting on the 20,000strong Taliban militia to deal harshly with the various Islamic revolutionaries and terrorists from the Middle East, the Gulf and even Chechnya, who have been using Afghanistan as a sanctuary and arms bazaar.

Yet the Taliban may prove to be dangerous partners for the West and for Pakistan. Instead of containing Iran's thrust into South and Central Asia, the Taliban's extremism may provoke it. A large Shia community lives in Kabul and central Afghanistan, and Iran is worried that these Shia might fall under the Taliban's persecution. If this happens, Iranian forces might be drawn militarily into Afghanistan. Pakistan, which supports the Taliban, might then spring into the fray.

Several opium lords were executed by the Taliban, but drug enforcement experts claim that last year Afghanistan flooded the European, US and East-ern markets with over \$75bn (£48bn) of heroin. Much of this poppy was harvested in fields under the Taliban's supposed commar d.

The Taliban believe in wield ing the sword - or Stinger missile - in Allah's name. India is worried that the Taliban might soon export its holy warriors

Defeated army pursued into the mountains

Kabul - Afghanistan's Islamic , ernment, which he also ward in relentless pursuit of the country's former government forces yesterday, claiming victory over key towns and a province north of the capital Kabul. The Taliban now control

threequarters of the country. Taliban fighters said they had bottled up the former defence minister, Ahmad Shah Masood, in his Panisher valley stronghold following a twopronged advance overnight. The militia was halted at the village of Golbahar at the mouth of the narrow gorge leading into Panjsher, fighters said. They were awaiting orders on whether to assault the valley -

one of the few areas still under the control of the government.

A second prong pushed north from Jabal os-Siraj, up the Salang highway that runs north from Kabul into central Asia, where they confronted the northern warlord, Abdul Rashid Dostum. General Dostum has moved significant forces into the area north of the Salang tunnel, which crosses the

Hindu Kush mountain range. The Taliban were reported to have asked the forces of General Dostum to allow their fighters passage into the north, but the demand was said to have been rejected. It was not immediately clear whether the Taliban wanted the passage through the Salang Highway to attack some northern provinces still held by forces loyal to the ousted president, Burhanuddin Rabbani, or wanted to capture Dostum's territory.

ALISTAIR LYON Dostum has so far stayed away from the fighting between Tal-iban and the former Kabul gov-

Taliban sources said that Kapisa province to the east of Golbahar and its capital Mahmud-i-Raqi had also fallen to the militia yesterday. Mohammad Gul, deputy Taliban com-mander of a military barracks near Kabul, said: "We intend to capture all the former government areas, including the Salang tunnel and the Pan jsher," he said.

It was not immediately clear how easy it would be for the Taliban to capture the valley, held by Masood's men throughout the 1980s against several major assaults by Soviet troops backing Kabul's then-communist government. The speed of his retreat - from Kabul to the valley in just three days - seemed to have dismayed the Tajik peo-ple he leads. "We just don't know what's happening. We don't know whether Masood has a plan or is just running, said one ethnic Tajik shopkeeper in Golbahar.

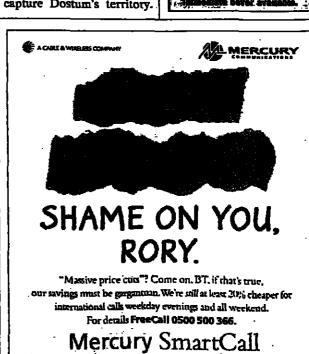


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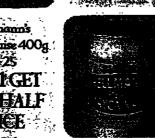
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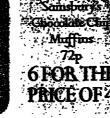






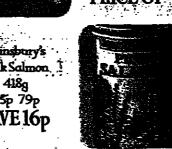


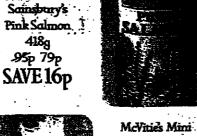






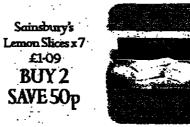




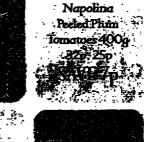


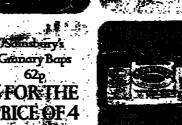


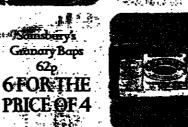










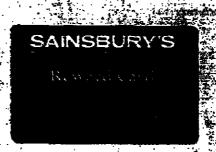


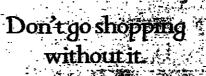






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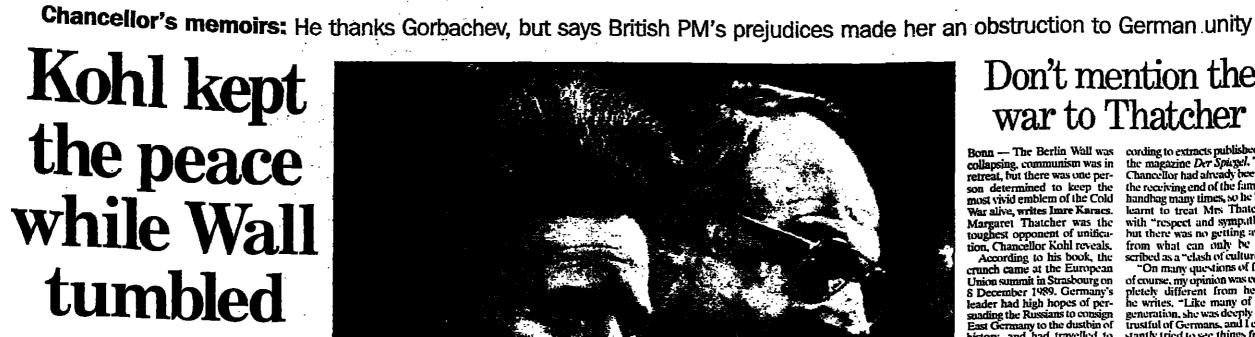
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On 9 November 1989 Helmut man security service. "Opponents of reform in the KGB and he received an agitated telephone call from one of his aides in Bonn. "Herr Chancel-lor, the Wall is falling at this very moment," stammered Eduard Ackermann, at the other end of the line. "Are you sure, Acker-

mann?" asked the Chancellor. It was an uncharacteristic chink in Mr Kohl's armoury of supreme self-confidence, Had he not told Mikhail Gorbachev four months earlier that the tide of German unity, like the Rhine, could not be dammed? In a book due to be launched today, Mr Kohl seeks to demonstrate that he not only knew the two Germanys would unite in his lifetime, but carried the project through almost singlehandedly, with a little help from the Soviet leader.

Never mind the millions of East Europeans who had risen against Communist rule throughout the Soviet block. The Wall, it seems, tumbled before the Chancellor's will power. "I wanted German unity," proclaims the title of Mr Kohl's memoirs. Ergo, German unity happened.

The Chancellor, who celebrates 14 years in office today, often refers to the unification as his greatest achievement, to be surpassed only by the unification of Europe's currencies in 1999. Historians credit him with recognising the opportunity and grasping it with both hands, but according to these recollections refused: "On this question I alhe should also be thanked for ready had ... an entirely difstopping the Russians shooting ferent opinion," he writes.

After the momentous news reached him, Mr Kohl interrupted his Polish visit and made haste for East Germany. Under a post-war treaty, his Luftwaffe iet was banned from the Berlin skies, so he flew to Hamburg over Swedish airspace, transferred to a military plane rustled up by the United States embassy in Bonn, and headed east.

In West Berlin, he was met by jeering left-wing crowds, who greeted his every word delivered from the balcony at Schöneberg town hall with whistles. As he was trying to pacify the mob. Moscow was receiving alarming news about the dramatic events unfolding in the city. Mr Gorbachev had managed to reach a member of the Chancellor's

entourage by telephone. Gorbachev wanted to know if it was true that things in Berlin were getting completely out of hand," Mr Kohl writes, ac-cording to extracts published by Der Spiegel magazine. "Was it true that outraged masses were

Mr Kohl says he later dis-

the Stasi wanted to provoke a military intervention by the Soviet troops stationed in East

Germany," he explains.
But the Chancellor dared not go to the phone and leave the balcony, so he asked an aide to relay his assurance to the Kremlin that Berlin was not on the verge of an insurrection. Mr Gorbachev believed him and a bloodbath was averted. "To this day I am very grateful to Gorbachev for not listening to the agitators," Mr Kohl writes. "As Mikhail Gorbachev told me later, he had then sent an unmistakable signal to the East Berlin authorities that, unlike on 17 June 1953, the Soviet Union's tanks would not be

In fact, the border had only been open for one day, and East Germans were far too busy sampling the delights of West Berlin's department stores to worry about the Soviet bases. And the East German leadership very quickly understood whose orders they would have to follow.

The following day, 11 November, Mr Kohl had his first telephone conversation with Egon Krenz, the new and soon to be ex-leader of the German Krenz tried to extract a pledge that German reunification would not be on the agenda, but his Western counterpart flatly

The implications sank in in mediately. Mr Krenz asked sheepishly how the East German media ought to describe their ion. "Just tell them that we have held an intensive discussion," Mr Kohl suggested. "Krenz repeated it in military style: 'an intensive discussion'.

The plan to annex East Germany was hatched by Mr Kohl's kitchen cabinet. The East German Prime Minister, Hans Modrow, had produced a blueormt for a "confederation", an idea the Chancellor was not prepared to tolerate. Others might want to consult their governments, even their legislature s, ter, but not Mr Kobl.

he travelled to his house in Lud-"a couple of calls" to an MP and came up with the "10 Points for Germany", the document destep. But it was not all the Chancellor's doing. His memoirs reveal that the actual words were jotted down by his wife, Han-nelore Kohl.

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Don't mention the war to Thatcher

Bonn — The Berlin Wall was collapsing, communism was in retreat, but there was one per-chancellor had already been at son determined to keep the most vivid emblem of the Cold War alive, writes Imre Karacs. Margaret Thatcher was the toughest opponent of unifica-tion, Chancellor Kohl reveals.

According to his book, the crunch came at the European Union summit in Strasbourg on December 1989. Germany's leader had high hopes of per-suading the Russians to consign East Germany to the dustbin of history, and had travelled to Strasbourg expecting a round of applause for his feat.

What he got was a great deal of embarrassed silence.

some mild expressions of con-cern and, particularly from one quarter, outright opposition. While nobody mentioned the war, it was very clearly on the participants' mind.

The strongest reservations came from Number 10 Downing Street," Mr Kohl writes, ac-

the receiving end of the famous handbag many times, so he had learnt to treat Mrs Thatcher with "respect and sympathy", but there was no getting away from what can only be de-

scribed as a "clash of cultures". "On many questions of fact, of course, my opinion was com-pletely different from hers," he writes, "Like many of her generation, she was deeply distrustful of Germans, and I constantly tried to see things from her viewpoint. She did not want to take on board that Germany, at the end of a century of defeats in two world wars, should appear to be the big

winner. Mr Kohl also encountered hostility in Paris, but in deference to his deceased friend, François Mitterrand, the French President in 1989, Chancellor Kohl attributes this to the



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Professor Sir Geoffrey Wilkinson

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At Imperial College London, where he was Professor of Inorganic Chemistry from 1956 to 1978 (and then Sir Edward Frankland Professor, 1978-88), the spirit in his research group was more like that of an urgent gold-rush in the West than the scholarly and disciplined calm expected in academia. Many mistakes were made, explosions occurred, and fires consumed.

Indeed, the present President of the Royal Society of Chemistry, Professor Eddie Abel, blew off the door of Wilkinson's office, and of every window in the block. Wilkinson was lecturing at the time, rushed back and set about a desperate search for the dispersed manuscript of the near-complete draft of the first edition of his famous book (with F. A. Cotton) Advanced Inorganic Chemistry: a comprehensive text (1962).



Wilkinson, right, with E.O. Fischer, centre, and Nikolaas Timbergen at Photograph: Hulton Getty

He was educated at Todmorden Secondary School: Sir John Cockroft, a Nobel Laurelier been a pupil there, making educated two Nobel prizewinners. In 1939, he was awarded the top first class honours BSc in 1941. His subsequent PhD studies at the college were supervised by Professor H.V.A. Briscoe, but in January 1943 he was recruited, together with other outstanding young scientists, by the Government to work on the atomic bomb proiect at Montreal and then at

Chalk River, Canada, until 1946. He then went to work with Professor Glenn Seaborg on nuclear taxonomy at Berkeley, where he discovered more isotopes than anyone before or since. In 1950, he joined the staff at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and then, in September 1951, became Assistant Professor at Harvard.

It was at MIT and Harvard that Wilkinson's interest in organometallic chemistry developed, but the crucial moment of his career came at Harvard. Together with the organic chemist and later Nobel Laureate R.B. Woodward, he recognised the unprecedented molecular structure of the organometallic compound now known as ferrocene

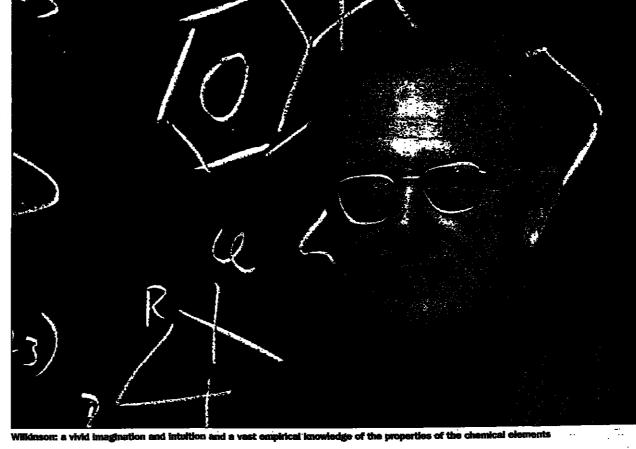
often gave quite unexpected outcomes, thereby demonstrating the subtlety and complexity of organo-transition metal chemistry. In June 1955, Wilkinson was

appointed Professor of Inorganic Chemistry at Imperial College. At that time, this was the only established Chair in inorganic chemistry in Britain; later it was renamed the Sir Edward Frankland Chair of Inorganic Chemistry (in com-memoration of Frankland, the pirical knowledge of the prop-

In this molecule there is an iron atom centrally placed between the planes of two fivemembered rings formed by five carbon-hydrogen groups. This picturesque structure led to its description as a "sandwich molecule". Wilkinson, being an inorganic chemist, immediately set about investigating the fundamental ideas suggested by this molecule and took advantage of his extensive knowledge of transition metal chemistry. This, combined with an out-

standing experimental intuition, resulted in a 40-year period of extraordinary productivity whereby he revealed the enormous extent of this new area known as organo-transition metal chemistry. In Germany, Professor E.O. Fischer also appreciated the significance of the ferrocene structure and prepared the analogous molecule in which chromium was sandwiched between two benzene rings. Wilkinson and Fischer pionecred the development of this new field with such success that they were jointly awarded the Nobel Prize in 1973.

In the early 1950s inorganic chemistry was undergoing a re-naissance, not least because of the post-war availability of new spectroscopic methods such as infra-red and nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy and single crystal x-ray diffraction. These tools enabled Wilkinson to understand the molecular structure of the new compounds with much greater certainty than would have been otherwise possible. Indeed, in the early days the products of the chemical reactions carried out in his research group very



"father of organometallic chemistry" who was at the college from 1865). Wilkinson took up his position in January 1956 after a short sabbatical stay in Copenhagen, and at 34 he was one of the youngest professors ever appointed at the college.

He brought with him the more direct and informal style of personal management found in North America. He dressed casually and called his students by their first names and expected to be called Geoff. In the early days at Imperial College, he worked feverishly in the race to explore the newly discovered continent of chemistry. He was always sceptical - with some justification - of the value of chemical theory in baving a predictive role in his work. He

erties and known reactions of support his research group complex personality, to some he the chemical elements; this, combined with a vivid imagination and intuition, led him to see analogies and connections not previously made.

His work in Britain was always curiosity-driven: none the less in addition to his fundamental studies his discoveries led to major advances in applied chemistry. He prepared the rhodium compound known as Wilkinson's catalyst and this engendered crucial contributions to the development of methods for the synthesis of pharmaceutical chemicals. He also discovered the rhodium catalysts now used in the industrial process known as hydroformylation whereby olefins are converted to aldehydes and alcohols. Patents arising from this work enabled Wilkinson to

work ever since. He had handed in the final chapter of his contribution to the sixth edition of this work the week before he

Geoffrey Wilkinson had a

after his retirement.

After his retirement as Sir

Edward Frankland Professor

in 1988, he was appointed Pro-

fessor Emeritus; he was pro-

vided with a new laboratory

funded by Johnson Matthey in

which he continued to run a

small but lively and creative re-

search group until his death. He

was the author (with Professor

F.A. Cotton, one of his earliest graduate students and now a

eading academic chemist in the

United States) of a pioneering

textbook Advanced Inorganic

Chemistry, first published in 1962, which has been a standard

could seem a rather forbidding figure, but those who knew and loved him recognised a friend with a profound knowledge of his subject and of other fields. He had a single-minded focus on the quality of originality which he had in abundance, and it was hard for most of his colleagues to satisfy his demand-ing standards. He expected his graduate students to share his limitless enthusiasm and energy for new chemistry and in consequence inspired many of them. He wore his fame lightly and was accessible to all. He was a fierce protector of British science and research and he in-sisted on publishing almost all

iournals.

his research papers (over 550 of them) in British scientific

scourge of those responsible for higher education in his battles for the cause of fundamental research in the country. A succession of prime ministers received numerous letters from him on this and other subjects, as did Research Councils, Vice-Chancellors, officers of the Royal Society and others.

He had a great sense of fun, was an emplient raconteur, and had a carriago arme of injectests. He was intensely proud of being a Yorkshireman and a ing a Torksantenas; and a favourite boliday was walking on the moors and fells around Pen-y-Ghent; he and downhill shidis. He plantid some 2,000 trees on his country estate in Sussex.

Some two months before his death, a dianer was held at Imperial College to celebrate his 40 years at the college; over a hundred people attended from all over the world. Many of those present were distin-guished professors who had been taught by Geoffrey Wilkinson: it was a happy and memorable occasion for all.

In 1951, he married Lise Sølver, daughter of Professor Sven Aage Schou, the Rector of Denmark's Pharmaceutical High School. He was a caring and supportive family man and a proud grandfather. He is survived by his wife and their two daughters, Anne and Peruille.

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Geoffrey Wilkinson, chemist: born Springside, Yorkshire 14 July 1921; Research Fellow, University of California at Berkeley 1946-50; Instructor, MIT 1950-51; Assistant Professor of Chem-istry, Harvard University 1951-56; Professor of Inorganic Chemistry, Imperial College Landon 1956-78, Sir Edward Frankland Professor 1978-88 (Emeritus); FRS 1965; Nobel Prize for Chemistry (jointly with E.O. Fischer) 1973; Kt 1976; author of Advanced Inorganic Chemistry (with F.A. Cotton) 1962, Basic Inorganic Chemistry (with F.A. Cotton) 1976; married 1951 Lise Solver (two daughters); died London 26 September 1996.

Shusaku Endo

Last year, one of Japan's bestknown novelists. Shusaku Endo. was to have received the Culture Prize from the hands of the Emperor. But he was too ill to attend the ceremonies at the Imperial Palace. The general public had been dismayed when the Nobel Prize for Literature went to Kenzaburo Oë instead of the far more popular Endo, and there were rumours that Endo's nial, and in some way to make grievous disappointment at not receiving the Nobel Prize had contributed to a sudden decline

in his already unstable health. The writer had suffered from poor health all his life. Pleurisy had kept him out of active service in the Pacific War, though he had to slave on the assembly lines of a Kawasaki factory. He often spent long periods in is set in medical environments.

His best-known work in the West is Chimmoku ("Silence"), published in 1966. It is a massive, ambitiously conceived novel about the martyrdom of Japan's carly Christian converts in the 16th and early 17th censy when it won the Tanizaki Prize because of an incident in which the Portuguese Jesuit priest, ows"), from his 1959 collection

betray his Christian faith by treading a crucifix underfoot. Christianity has never taken hold in Japan to the same extent as in South Korea and the Philippines, and Endo in this fine novel seems to be trying to discover why, to take "the Christian religion which was so uncongenial to me as a Japanese. analyse why it was so uncongeit something more compatible".

It made a great impression both in Japan and abroad (and was filmed by Masaharu Shinoda in 1971), but had no effect whatsoever on the spread of Christianity. Indeed, Endo recently revealed that one of his books - he did not mention which - had been banned in the Roman Catholic schools and colleges of Nagasaki, the cen-

tre of Christian belief in Japan. Shusaku Endo was born in Tokyo in 1923, but spent his early years in China. When his parents were divorced there, he returned to Japan with his mother and lived with a Roman Catholic aunt who persuaded him to be baptised into the faith. Shusaku was 11. In one of his Christovao Ferreira, is forced to Saigo no junkvosha ("The Final

Martyrs"), Endo describes this mixture of several forms of guilt traumatic event:

Whenever I look back along the river of my life, somehow I always think of that little church in the Haushin district where I wiskcompelled to receive baptism . . . Of necessity, I began attending the church, escorted there by my mother and sunt gan attending the church, esco there by my mother and aunt.

Endo entered Keio Univerwhere he studied French Literature. In 1950, he was finally free to leave Japan and went to Lyons, where he spent two and a half years reading French Catholic authors like Claudel, Bernanos and Mauriac. But he fell seriously ill and had to suffer one of his many hospitalisations. On returning to Japan in

1953, Endo composed his first work of fiction: a short story, "Aden made" ("To Aden", 1954), based on recollections of his voyages to and from Europe. In 1955 he gained immediate recognition in Japan with his short novel Shiroi hito ("White Men") when it was awarded the Akutagawa Prize. Like some of the contemporary novels he had been reading in France, it was set in the period of Nazi occupation, a tale of French Resistance fighters and their betrayais of

and remorse. In 1956, he wrote Kitroi hito ("Yellow Man") in the form of a letter written by a student to a French missionary, a Greene-like figure who appears in many of his stories. The Japanese have a pen-

chant for approximate comparisons, and Endo came to be pealed to me. There was some- produce here. Among the best known as "the Graham Greene of Japan". To the Japanese "Grimgrin" was a literary god only slightly obscured by the sun of "Sunset Mum" (Somerset Maugham). But apart from the fact that they were both Roman Catholics and sometimes portrayed priestly characters riven by theological doubts and existential guilt, they really have little in common. True, Greene wrote lighter novels, called "entertainments" and Endo wrote works with touches of his own particular humour like the 1969 Taihen da ("Good Grief!") and basically serious novels like Obakasan ("Wonderful Fool". 1959), but in Greene's case the touch is supremely light, in Endo's rather laboured.

"Wonderful Fool" is an entertaining story about a rather simple-minded Frenchman, Gaston, in the jungles of contemporary Tokyo, depicted in

nightmare Kafkaesque fashion. Unfortunately the himpouspe-comes rather heavy and hard to take, while the growing chin-plexity of the clockwork plot tires by its very ingenuity. Thave to admit that Endo was one of reputation as a great writer: he those Japanese writers, like was very productive and the list Mishima and Oe, who never ap- of all his works is too long to re-

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contrived even in his best works.

In the 1970 novel Fukaikawa ("Deep River"), set in India, the plot is constructed with almost mathematical precision, presenting slightly wooden characters representing various human qualities, characteristics and callings. It contrasts two conventional fictional types, a destructive young woman and a saintly young Japanese Catholic studying for the priesthood; a man whose wife has just died and who is trying to forget her; a writer of children's books, portraying the author himself, and an old soldier with memories of the "Railway of Death" in Burma, All these, and several other stereotypes, react and interact in a rather mechanical way. The style is wordy and repetitive, and the story suffers from the typical Japanese pas-

time as Indira Gandhi. Endo shows great dramatic skill in this novel, yet one finds it rather dull. Shusaku Endo had one of the

attributes that help to create a are Ryugaku ("Foreign Studies" 1965), Sukyandaru ("Scandal" 1986), Umi to dokuyaku ("The Sea and the Poison", 1957) and Samurai (1982), winner of the Noma Literary Prize. He also wrote a play, Ogon no kuni ("The Golden Country", 1966), performed by his own troupe of argely amateur actors.

In the end, one gets the impression that Endo was returning to his roots, to a Buddhist view of self and existence, as if he at last saw the similarities between Oriental and Western ways of belief. One of his finest works is *Iesyu no shogai* ("Life of Jesus", 1978), which won the Dag Hammarskjöld Prize in 1978.

James Kirkun

Shusaku Paul Endo, novelisi and playwright: born Tokyo 27 March 1923; married 1955 Junto Okado (one son); died Tokyo 29 September 1996.



Births. **Marriages** & Deaths

POWELL: On 20 August to Sarah (née Wilk) and David, a beautiful daughter Faye Isabelle, a sister for

DEATHS

IN MEMORIAM

FINGERHUT: John. FPS, passed away peacefully at home, aged 85. He will be much missed by all his family and

DAWS: Ethel B. Daws (née Dickinson died 1 October 1995. May Goo avenge on any who have sinner against you. Norman. For Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS, please telephone 0171-293 2011 or fix 0171-293 2010. Charges are

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr S. P. Ford and Miss C. S. Winnifrith

The engagement is announced between Stephen, second son of Mr and Mrs John Ford, of Yapton, West Sussex, and Charlotte, elder daughter of Mr Charles Winnifrith, and of the late Mrs Winnifrith, of St Margaret's at

Birthdays Miss Julie Andrews, actress and singer, 61; Mr Moran Caplat, former ebourne administrator, 80; Mr y Carter, former US President, 72; Mr Roy de Courcy Chapman, Headmaster, Malvern College, 60; Cardinal Cahal Daly, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh, 79; Mr Sandy Gall, television news presenter, 69: Mr John Gray, former ambassador to Belgium, 60; Mr John Gunnell MP, 63; Professor Sir Stuart Hampshire, philosopher, 82; Mr Richard Harris, actor, 63; Major David Jamieson VC, 76; Sir Edwin Jowitt, High Court judge, 67; Mr Graham Leach, radio news foreign correspondent, 48; Mr Thorold Masefield, High Commissioner to Nigeria, 57; Mr Walter Matthau, actor, 76; Mr Peter Nobes, former chief constable of West Yorkshire, 61; Mr Edward O'Hara MP, 59; Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw, educationist, 84: Professor John Reid, Regius Professor of Medicine and Therapeutics, Glasgow University, 53; Professor Sir Roland Smith, a director, Bank of England, 68; the Right Rev David Stancliffe, Bishop of Salisbury, 54; Professor Sir Colin Stansfield Smith, architect, 64; Sir Robert Telford, life president of Marconi, 81; Miss Jean Thomas, biochemist, 54; Mr Geoffrey Whitehead, actor, 57; Mr James Whitmore, actor, 75.

faith and loyalty, a dramatic

Anniversaries Births: Henry III, King, 1207; Gia-

como da Vignola (Giacomo Barozzi), architect, 1507; Giovanni Matteo Asola, priest and composer, 1609; am Thomas Beckford, author and millionaire, 1759; Pierre-Marie François de Sales Baillot, violinist, 1771; Sir Robert Smirke, architect 1781; Karl von Piloty, painter, 1826; Annie Besant, social reformer and theosophist, 1847; Stanley Holloway, actor and entertainer, 1890; Laurence Harvey (Laruska Mischa Skikne), ac-tor, 1928; Louis Untermeyer, author and editor, 1885. Deaths: Marsilio Ficino, scholar and philosopher, 1499; Pierre Corneille, playwright, 1684; Don John of Austria, soldier, 1578; John John of Austria, souther, 15/6; John Blow, organist and composer, 1708; Sir Edwin Henry Landseer, painter, 1873; Anthony Ashley Coop-er, seventh Earl of Shaftesbury, social reformer. 1885; Benjamin Jowett, classical scholar, 1893; Wilhelm Dilthey, philosopher, 1911; Ludwig Bemelmans, author and illustrator for children, 1962; Louis Seymour Bazett Leakey, anthropologist, 1972; Roy Harris, composer, 1979; Don Banks, composer, 1980. On this day: money orders were first issued in Britain, 1792; Belgium became part of the French Republic, 1795; Louisiana was ceded to France by Spain, 1800; the News of the World was first published, 1843; the Midland Railway opened St Pancras Station, 1868; Austria issued the first postcards, 1869; halfpeumy postage was introduced in Britain, 1870; stamped postcards were first issued in Britain, 1870; the Model T was introduced by Henry Ford, 1908; German forces entered

the Sudetenland, 1938; the People's

Republic of China was proclaimed 1949; Nigeria became independent 1960; the Watergate trial started, 1974; Pakistan rejoined the Commonwealth after an absence of 17 years, 1989. Today is the Feast Day of St Bavo or Allowin, St Melorus or Mylor, St Remigius or Remi, St Ro-manus the Melodist and St Thérèse

Lectures

Victoria and Albert Mu Morris, "Eighteenth-century Wax British Museu m: Louise Schofield "Legend and Archaeology: 'Priam's' treasure of Troy", 1.15pm. National Gallery: Mark Gerson,

"Literatic photographs by Mark Gerson", 1.10pm. National Portrait Gallery: Kathleer

Adler, "Male Nudes (i): Caillebotte, Man at his Bath", 1pm. Reyal Society, Parsons Memorial Lecture (to be held at the Institution of Civil Engineers): Mr Edward Haws, 'Tidal Power: a major prospect for the 21st century, 6pm.

Duncan Stewart

A memorial service will be held for Duncan Montgomery Stewart MA, Principal of Lady Margaret Hall 1979-95, in the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, on Saturday 26 October 1996 at 2.30pm.

Imperial Cancer

Research Fund Imperial Cancer Research Fund have announced the appointment of Mr Peter Vicary-Smith, current ly Head of Appeals at Oxfam, as Head of Voluntary Income, with effect from 1 October 1996.

Barings' auditors may be sued in London

Coopers & Lybrand (a firm) and others; Chancery Division (Mr Justice Chadwick) 2 August 1996

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Claims by Barings plc against both its own auditors in London and the auditors of its Singapore subsidiary raised common questions of law and fact, which in both cases arose out of a series of unauthorised transactions by Barings' employee Nicholas Leeson. The Singapore auditors were therefore "proper par-ties" to an action launched by Barings pic in London and writs could be served on them outside the jurisdiction.

Mr Justice Chadwick refused applications by the fourth and fifth defendants, Khoo Kum Wing and S.J. Tan, to set aside the leave granted by Master Barratt, on 23 January 1995, enabling the plaintiffs, Barings plc and Bishopscourt (BS) Ltd, to serve a writ on

them outside the jurisdiction. The first plaintiff was the for their failure to identify and ultimate holding company of a group which included the second controls in BSF or on Leeson's plaintiff, a Cayman Islands company formerly known as Baring Securities Ltd, one of whose subsidiaries was Baring Futures (Singapore) Pte Ltd (BSF). The whole Barings group collapsed in February 1995 following

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had been caused by the unauthorised trading activities of Mr

Leeson, its general manager. The first defendants, Cooper & Lybrand, were the external auditors of Barings plc for the financial years ending 31 December 1991 to 1994. The second and third defendants, Chaly Chee Kheong Mah and Po'ad Bin Shaik Abu Bakar Mattar, were partners of De-loitte & Touche, the external auditors of BFS for the financial year ending 30 September 1992 and the subsequent accounting period ending 31 December 1993. The fourth and

fifth defendants were partners

of Coopers & Lybrand (Singapore), the external auditors of BFS for the financial year ended 31 December 1994. The plaintiffs claimed damages against the defendants unauthorised trading through an account designated 88888 or to discover that a receivable

1995, was fictitious. The fourth and fifth defenmassive losses by BSF, which dants sought to set aside ser-

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vice of the writ against them on the ground that it contained no

good arguable claim or that there was no serious issue to be tried against them, and in any case that the English court was not the appropriate forum. Stanley Burnton QC, Richard Gillis, Graham Halkaston (Slaughter & May) for the plaintiffs; Jonathan Guisman QC, Christopher Butcher (Wilde Sapte) for the second and third defendants: Richard Field QC, Philip Sales (Herbert Smith) for the fourth and fifth defendants.

was satisfied to the standard of a "good arguable case" for the purposes of Order 15, rule 4(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, that if separate actions were brought against the first defendant and the fourth and fifth defendants. some common questions of law or fact would arise in each and that the relief claimed in both arose out of the same transaction or series of transactions. The claims in both cases arose out of the unauthorised trading of Mr Leeson. It followed that the fourth

and fifth defendants were

"proper parties" to the plain-

Mr Justice Chadwick said he

rule 1(1)(c) to permit service out of the jurisdiction. The submission that there was no serious issue to be tried was put on the grounds that the

fendants and that the court had

jurisdiction under Order 11,

fourth and fifth defendants, as auditors of BFS, owed no relevant duty of care to Barings plc, or if they did, that it was secondary to the duty owed to BFS, and BFS was the proper-

It was clear on the evidence that the fourth and fifth defendants knew the information which they were instructed to supply was required by Barings plc so that its directors could comply with the obligation under section 227 of the Companies Act 1985 to prepare consolidated accounts showin a true and fair view of the

financial affairs of the group.
It could not therefore be said there was no serious issue of law to be tried as to the existence of a duty of care owed by these defendants to Barings plc

Finally, his Lordship was satisfied that the English court was the most appropriate for rum for the trial of the claims made by Barings plc against the fourth and fifth defendants.

Paul Magrath, Barrista

This woman is right to want life after death

s DB should be allowed to bear her husband's child. She has watched her husband die sperm to be used - whether the partfrom sudden illness, and now she is fighting in the courts to be impregnated with his sperm so that she can have the baby she says they both wanted. The idea that she should be stopped because he was incapable of signing the right piece of paper seems, on the face of it, inhumane.

Empathising with her is easy. It happens every day; people are killed or struck dead by sudden illness, leaving loved ones behind. They always wanted to have children together, talked of it; and now the partner who is left behind feels more than ever the need to build something on the foundations of that lost love. A child is the ultimate testimony - perhaps the one intimation of immortality that answers the brutal fact of death. Generations of poets have described this. Millions of people are the children of men who died before their birth. But only now has technology made it possible for a woman to conceive, rather than to carry, a child after her husband dies. And the real question is whether or not this raises new ethical dilemmas.

In any advanced society, ethical problems are codified and paperwrapped in legislation. As far as the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority is concerned, the law cannot allow this woman to have the baby ner is to be impregnated before or after his death. And consent must be informed by understanding, too. Whether husband and wife, or strangers, everyone involved needs to undergo appropriate counselling before something so emotive as the creation of human life can go ahead.

Nor is it only fertilisation in which consent must play such a central role. If Ms DB had wanted to donate her husband's heart or kidneys for transplant surgery, she could not have done so without his prior agreement. When death comes suddenly, no matter how much relatives may spec-ulate about the probable desires of the deceased while he was alive, it is too late. The dead can't sign.

This framing of the law suggests that there is an ethical question here, buried in the seemingly cold, bureaucratic "no". And there is. In theory, the impregnation of women with dead men's sperm could lead to unpleasant and morally dangerous outcomes. Imagine the clamour of Beatles fans desperate to be impregnated with the sperm of the late John Lennon. Ask what happens if an ex-wife or exlover demands the sperm of a dead man who never wanted her children. How would the grown child feel? And if it can happen one way, what



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about the other way? Would we really feel comfortable with men requesting the eggs from the ovaries of dead wives and partners, to be impregnated and implanted in the womb of a

surregate? As we have been learning again and again this year, with fertility treatments, and frozen embryos, the ethical questions on the frontier of new medical technology are not easy. Most of us struggle and fail to find simple principles to guide us through dilemmas that could not have existed 30 years ago. In the absence of easy answers, we muddle on from case to case, making our minds up on the specific details as they arise.

But this is not a bad thing. Muddling on means, in practice, applying humanity, individual moral sensibility and common sense to individual cases. It means accepting a certain leeway for individuals to struggle with their own choices. It means acknowledging that one person's choice will not necessarily meet with general approval, but may yet turn out to be the right one. And all that means leaving the law loose enough for those choices to be made wherever living people are not hurt by them.

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act isn't stupid or heartless. Underpinning it are sensible thoughts about human life - it is not the best possible start in life for a child to have one parent dead, and the other recently bereaved. We would hope that a surviving would-be parent could be well counselled, and advised to wait until the initial shock of the death had passed. But the law does appear to be too tight, a little too logically drafted for human complexities. Ms DB is still hoping that it can indeed be reinterpreted more broadly, to allow her to bear the child she wants. The courts could still concede that where the donor is one of a close couple, where relatives and friends agree that it was what he or she wanted, written consent should not be needed, even if the donor is dead.

But whatever her defence, DB should be allowed to make the decision to have the child. Under the existing, unsustainable arrangements, the law is caught in the absurd position of trying to defend the interests of the dead by stopping something that, in this case, everyone agrees the dead would have wanted. It is preventing those who cannot answer for themselves from becoming parents against their will. Yet by doing so, the law will doubtless be denying some of the dead what would have been their dearest living wish. The law is not an ass. But it is an abstract code, a crude attempt to map the complexity of life with rules and absolutes. And where, as here, we are all feeling our way blindly forward, the law should stand a little back. It may well turn out that Ms DB, whoever she is, is wiser than the Human Fertilisation and Embryology

Something rotten in the country

Yountry landowners have finally con-Ifronted the modern urban complaint about Britain's moist green meadows - her rich glinting loam, her busy farmsteads, her picturesque ducks, her rootling pigs. They stink. Townies loathe the smell of food production, the reek of manure and the whiff of slurry. Landowners, recognising the economic power of these weekend visitors, now suggest there should be curbs on when manure is sprayed about. But why stop there? Urban Britons have become used to certain "natural" aromas, like "bluebell wood" air fresheners. What we need is for the rural landscape to be sprayed with flowery odours manufactured by chemical companies - the air freshening of Olde Britain. And instead of trees, we could plant giant cardboard pine trees. Then we could walk out, inhale and enjoy the country properly.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Use Nazi gold to ease plight of survivors Sir: There is at last serious talk of

restoring money to those Jews and their families who deposited funds in Swiss banks, and who later became victims of the Holocaust. There is also a suggestion that the £40m that the Bank of England stills holds from the Nazis should be used for the benefit of families of victims of the Holocaust.

While we realise that it will never be possible to be absolutely equitable in the distribution of such funds, as and when they become available, there is one overlooked group who we believe should be a priority, to whom funds must be made available now.

Of the approximately 6 million Jews, and 7 million other victims of the Holocaust, there are still some half a million survivors living today. Many of these survivors are still emotionally and mentally tortured by their experience. In many cases the difficulties of these survivors have grown more severe with old age. We propose that an appropriate international body should administer the substantial funds needed so that adequate emotional and appropriate medical support for the long-term effects of trauma can be guaranteed to these people.

Perhaps by this act we will enable survivors finally to find some respite. The children of Holocanst victims suffer disproportionate emotional problems. These have also been largely unaddressed, thereby perpetuating the legacy of this violation of humanity.

Survivors still endure the

ongoing consequences of the

Holocaust, and we believe that the first duty is to help them. At present there are grossly inadequate funds for the neces ongoing support that many survivors require. We urge all those who are looking for what is just and equitable not to forget the needs of those living - especially those who still inhabit a private world of torture, created by experiences that few of us today can imagine. RICHARD HORNSBY Director, the Sir Robert Mond HELEN BAMBER Director, the Medical Foundation for Victims of Torture The Hon DAVID BERNSTEIN JUNE JACOBS HELENA KENNEDY QC LORD LESTER QC KATHARINE VISCOUNTESS MACMILLAN Rabbi JULIA NEUBERGER Rabbi JOHN RAYNER Lord ROTHSCHILD Sir SIGMUND STERNBERG Dr ANTHONY STORR DI STUART TURNER President, European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Professor JAMES WATSON Chairman Department of Psychiatry and Psychology, United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St

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LADY ZUCKERMAN

Sir: Now that a first-class stamp costs 26p and my husband is nearing 80 years of age, I did wonder if the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the kindness of his heart, could see fit to increase by one penny the extra 25p pension due to him on that occasion, to enable him to buy one. MIS E F TAME Midhurst, West Sussex



Michael Heath's Britain: HRH The Princess Royal arrives at the Equestrian Awards Lunch

Waiting for the electric bus

Sir. Electric cars (letter, 26 September) would solve localised pollution in our cities but not the other main problem caused by car traffic: congestion. It is well accepted that traffic increases to fill the space available.

Electric buses could bring a real improvement. In some towns and cities cars have already been excluded to the advantage of buses and this clears road space to improve bus transport times. Unfortunately, it also gives buses a free run on the streets, with an ensuing adverse environmental impact - high speeds, intimidating size, thunderous noise and diesel fumes. What is needed is lowimpact, low-speed electric buses within our towns to make them a pleasure to be in. ID WRIGHT Thornaby-on-Tees

Call me lady

Sir: I wonder if anyone can enlighten me as to why adult females now dislike being addressed as "ladies". Have I missed something, or is the term a touch too genteel for them? Speaking as a female of middle years I would much rather be called "the lady in red" than "the woman in banana" ("The awful niceness of

Daddy Paddy's arroy", 27 September), which seems somehow more rough and even disrespectful. Come to that I'm still quite grateful to be called a garl, just so long as I'm never called an "old MARIE PATERSON

Nuneaton, Warwickshire

Labour hopefuls at Ofwat have own minds

Sir: We write having read your survey of Labour prospective parliamentary candidates (30 September).

We are called upon every day by newspapers and pressure groups to respond to surveys on a wide variety of questions. Of course we sometimes seek advice from Head Office on matters of policy but the answers we give and the opinions we express are our own.

It would be much more helpful if we were asked for our opinions rather than to give a simple yes/no answer to questions which newspapers believe will reveal divisions in the Labour Party.

The truth is the Labour Party is a united dynamic party ready to solve the problems this country faces, as this week's conference will show... CANDY ATHERTON LORNA FTI ZSIMMONS MELANTE JOHNSON TOM LEVITT SHONA McISAAC MALCOLM SAVIDGE PHIL WOOLAS CHARLOTTE ATKINS SALLY KEEBLE GORDON MARSDEN MARGARET MORAN DEBRA SHIPLEY

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RUTH KELLY

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BARBARA FOLLETT

PHYLLIS STARKEY

SIOBHAN McDONAGH

No hand-washing | uncovers water profits misuse", 25

Sir: Your business comment column ("Byatt cannot wash his hands of water trouble", 25 September) really ought to have been entitled "Ofwat nips transfer pricing practices in bud^a rather than accusing us of washing our hands of the responsibility and of audacity in suggesting that the auditors should improve their scrutiny of the regulated accounts.

The 1992 Competition and Service Utility Act placed a requirement on the director to ensure that the companies operate at arm's length. Since then, I have amended the licences to forbid the companies to cross-subsidise their activities, ensured the companies had proper accounting guidelines to follow to meet this requirement, talked to the companies about their implementation plans, and finally instigated a series of on-going checks on compliance with the guidelines. To suggest that transfer pricing has been going on without us noticing is

therefore an extraordinary claim. The audit of the regulated accounts against our guidelines is a requirement I have placed on the companies under the terms of their licence. Nevertheless, we still adopted a belt-and-braces approach by sending in our own teams to check compliance. I would have thought this was just the sort of policing that shows the regulator is doing his job rather than washing his hands of the issue. Chris Godsmark ("Watchdog

September), suggests that the companies have been using their profits to subsidise "hundreds and millions of pounds of activities". This is nonsense. The amount of cross-subsidisation quantified amounted to one tenth of I per cent of the regulated turnover. Customers will certainly not subsidise these activities. I CR BYATT Director General, Ofwat,

Sir: Your report and comment on transfer pricing in the water industry lack all perspective. Far from prejudicing water customers' interests, the creation of nonregulated subsidiaries which are able to sell their services in the free market has preserved and created jobs while providing services to the regulated companies more cheaply than they could have done

This hardly amounts to damning evidence of malpractice, and the water companies rebut categorically accusations that they have "syphoned money" from their regulated businesses for the benefit

of their non-regulated subsidiaries. Much is made of the companies' limited resort to competitive tendering when a subsidiary bids for business from its regulated associate. Yet competitive tendering is only one of four methods of market testing recommended in Ofwat's current guidelines, with no view expressed as to which the regulator prefers. All the water companies have

JANET LANGDON Director, Water Services Association London SW1 Proud Irish at

routinely followed one or other of

ease in England

Sir: Jack O'Sullivan ("The dangerous romanticism of Irishness", 26 September) must realise that life moves on. There are very many Irish men and women throughout Britain, confident in their Irish identity, while integrating fully into the communities in which they live and work.

Born in London in the Fifties to Irish professional parents, we returned to Dublin when I was 10, as my parents had great confidence in the Irish education system. In 1983, I renumed to England with my husband, a doctor. We took the decision, early on, to make a permanent home here, as we decided we'd never settle properly while still entertaining wistful hopes of returning "home" one day.

Our three children are growing up here, knowing who they are and where they fit in. As a family we delight in our shared Irish beritage. its poetry, music and literature and the children are proud of this and enjoy many trips to Dublin. Equally, they are at case with the society they are growing up in. learning English history and literature. They do not feel

different from their peers. The Irish are good Europeans, and embrace all cultures with pleasure, while taking pride in our GERALDINE BURKE

Marsh Baldon, Oxfordshire

It was Eden who ruled out Europe

Sir: Winston Churchill, President of Honour of the European Movement, was certainly regarded by one of its founders - my father, E K Cole - as fully committed to a United States of Europe ("A Eurosceptic? Churchill? Never", 27 September).
As a lifelong Conservative – he

always paid 50 per cent of their election expenses in Southend East - Eric Cole regarded Churchill's words on the Schuman Plan quoted by Ted Heath as a commitment at the 1951 election to join, and was astonished when Anthony Eden in Rome immediately ruled it out.

The very same day, Harold *Macmillan* was telling the Council of Europe in Strasbourg that we would be taking a full part. Equally astonished, he rushed back to Churchill, who said he could not interfere with the way Eden ran foreign affairs. Churchill was stuck with a Eurosceptic foreign minister just as Major is stuck with a Europhile chancellor.

Eden's memoirs, Full Circle, do not even mention his reasons for his momentous and catastrophic decision not to join the Common

My father lived to see the sad failure of Macmillan's application to join. But he was not without hope; virtually his last political comment to me was: "I like the look of that young man Heath!" DEREK J CÓLE St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex

Sir: In the rarefied and misinformed debate over the European single currency, and whether or not Britain should join, let us not end up with the euro by the back door.

If the euro is launched on time, with France and Germany in the first cohort of countries involved, it seems likely that the euro will become increasingly important as a global currency.

With a strong euro across the water, how many people in Britain would open accounts in euro at their local bank in order to save themselves money when going abroad on holiday or business, as well as to safeguard themselves against the likely devaluation of the pound? I would. ROBIN PRIOR London E8

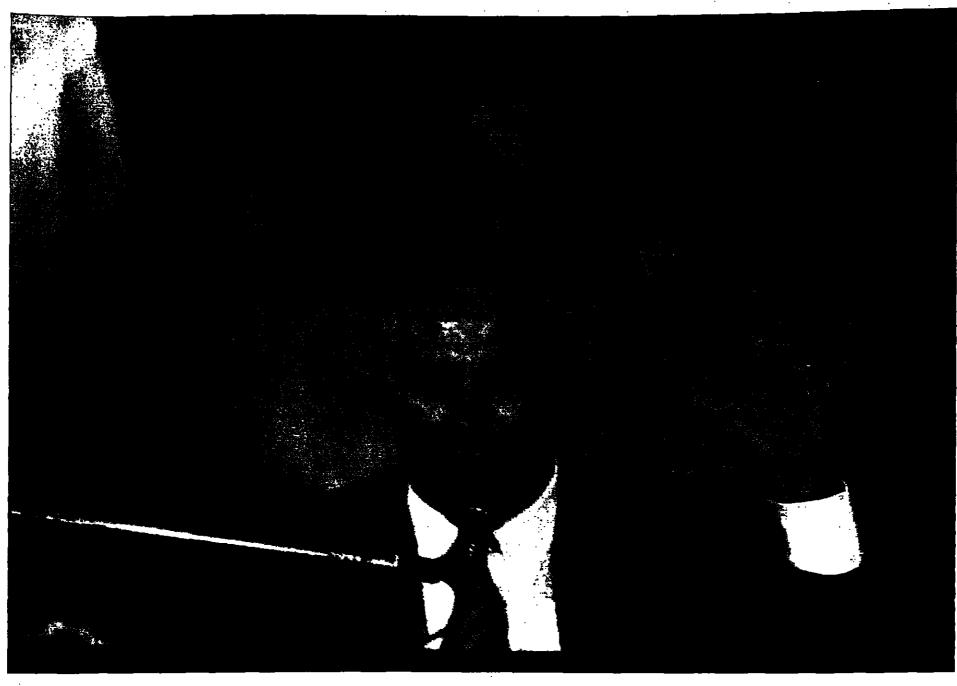
Pestering by charities

Sir: Andrew Gentles (Letters, 27 September) is certainly not alone. My recent contributions to charity have elicited many requests (both by letter and telephone) for further donations, as well as books of raffle tickets, leaflets for lobbying local retailers, requests to distribute Christmas catalogues and make door-to-door collections and, most irritatingly of all, a multiple-choice questionnaire, purportedly for donor research purposes, in which each question was along the lines of "Will you send us a further donation or would you rather allow children/animals/the homeless to be starved/tortured/exploited?

I cannot help feeling that the cost of this futile pestering has probably used up a significant proportion of my initial modest contributions. Those charities that simply send me an information sheet explaining how my money will be spent are the most likely to benefit from my continued support. ANDY TYE Horsham, West Sussex

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Other Israeli leaders had shied away from opening the tunnel in Jerusalem for fear of igniting a powder keg. Benjamin Netanyahu did it, without even warning his own ministers. What sort of man is he? **Patrick** Cockburn reports



very strange bird indeed

anyahu, it is his first crisis as prime minister of Israel. For many Israelis and Palestinians, the crisis, perhaps the first of many, is about Netanyahu as prime minister.

There is no doubt that he ignited it. By opening an exit to a tunnel from the main Jewish Jewish site in Jerusalem - the Western Wall - in the middle of the Muslim quarter, he was bound to provoke a strong Palestinian reaction.

Twice before, Israeli governments had delayed opening the tunnel because they thought it would provoke violence. But late one night last week, a team of Israeli workers, instructed by Netanyahu and protected by armed guards, opened up a grey steel gate on the side of a stone ramp leading to a Palestinian

hoys school in the Via Dolorosa. For 150 years, governments – Ottoman, British and Israeli - had avoided changing the religious status quo in Jerusalem. but Netanyahu did so without even informing his own chief of staff. "It was the act of a macho teenager," says Yaron Ezrahi, a leading Israeli political scientist.

A hundred days after he took office, Israelis are still mystified by Benjamin Netanyahu's political personality. It is a curious mixture of ideological fanaticism combined with an obsession about presentation. "It all comes down to public

relations, and that alone is important to Netanyahu." writes Nahum Barnea, an Israeli commentator. This trait is combined, he continues, with a determination to concentrate power on himself. "In the tunnel affair, " says Barnea. "this has left a gaping wound in his relations with his defence minister. Officials from the army and the GSS, who played a stabilising, restraining role with the previous government, have

been forced to retreat." Replacing them are a small group of advisers, wholly dependent on Netanyahu and

all without experience of government, Hours before the tunnel was opened, Dore Gold, the prime minister's America-born adviser on foreign affairs, was seeing King Hussein in Jordan, though he did not inform him - and may not have been told - about what was about to bappen in Jerusalem. The real for-eign minister, David Levy, is a sworn enemy of Netanyahu, to whom he refused to speak for

The ideological purist in the inner circle around Mr Netanyahu is David Bar-Ilan, a 66of extreme right-wing views, who was born in Haifa but spent much of his life in America. As editor of the Jerusalem Post, he wrote a weekly column in which he discovered anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic sentiments in such unlikely places as the columns of The New York Times. As the violence ebbed last weekend, he single-

the three years up to just before the last election.

suggesting that Israel's withdrawal from Hebron be reconsidered. He added that it might be time to think about disarming the 30,000 Palestinian police something which would inevitably mean a war.

Gold and Bar-Ilan have much in common with Netanyahu himself. Like him they spent much of their lives in the US, and their ideological background is as much American neo-conservatism in the Eight-ies as it is traditional Zionism.

Their views are unlikely to be moderated by a third important member of the prime minister's man, director-general of the prime minister's office. An immigrant from Moldavia, he helped to run the campaign that made Netanyahu leader of the Likud party in 1993, and as a reward was made party manager. As he purged all whose loyalty to the new leader he suspected, he made many enemies. The fortnightly Jerusalem Report says: The kinder souls nicknamed him KGB; the more

acerbic called him Rasputin." From the events of the past week, it would be easy to construct a conspiracy theory in which Netanyahu and his advisers decide to provoke a violent incident to be used as an excuse to end peace talks with the Palestinians. There is doubt about their attitude to the peace process so far. "The Oslo accords were mistaken," said David Bar-Ilan on taking office. They were bad. The fact is that

we inherited them and we have to get out of the bramble bush." The affair of the turnel could have been an attempt to get out of the bramble bush. Netanyahu could have frozen the Oslo accords, claiming that the fighting proved that Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres, the former prime ministers, had given Palestinians too much independence. There is no doubt that many Israelis would

n fact, Netanyahu has done nothing of the sort. He said he looked forward to the peace talks with the Palestinians being resumed. But he also the tunnel at the Washington summit. His officials denied that he would make any concessions to Yasser Arafat, the leader of the PLO, on withdrawal from Hebron, release of prisoners, or progressive withdrawal of Israeli troops from the West Bank. These were all agreed under the Oslo agreement last year.

In a sense, Netanyanu wants to have his cake and eat it: to make no concessions to Palestinians, but expect them and the Arab states to offer peace and security; to oppose Oslo, but offer no alternative to it. Increasingly, Israeli com-

mentators look for psychological rather than strictly political reasons for the prime minister's behaviour. Prof Ezrahi savs that when Netanyahu was elected, he used to think that he might turn out to be a prag-matist or ideologue. Now he thinks that "his actions are emotional rather than calculated. He is controlled by events

rather than controlling them. He could overreact at any time. Here is a leadership failure of colossal dimensions."

Nahum Barnea, comparing Arafat and Netanyahu, itkens the Palestinian leader to a sly fox and the Israeli prime minister to "a peacock willing to blind himself by keeping his eyes on his own feathers". Across the Israeli political spectrum there is growing agree-ment that Benjamin Netanyahu is a very strange bird indeed.

Peculiar though Netanyahu's distinct. His grandfather, a religious Zionist and distinguished Talmudic scholar, emigrated from Warsaw to Palestine in 1920. His father. Ben-Zion, once secretary of Vladimir Jabotinsky, the father figure of the Israeli right, became a distinguished historian of the Spanish Inquisition. Feeling discriminated against by Labour governments in Israel, he moved to the US. Benjamm, his second son, was born in 1949, and moved with his father to America at the age of 14. His brother Jonathan was killed commanding the Israeli raid on Entebbe in 1976, and Benjamin himself had a distinguished, but not spectacular

military career The basis of his political success was to exploit his Israeli background in the US and his American links in Israel. His rise was spectacular. In 1979, he was a manager of the "Rim" furniture factory, where he was known at his skill for promotions. He had also founded, in

memory of his brother, an institute dedicated to fight "international terror". But his real breakthrough came in 1982, when Moshe Arens, then Israel's foreign minister, needed somebody in the Israeli embassy in Washington who could explain the invasion of

Lebanon on American television. Within two years he was Israel's ambassador to the UN, a post in which he was so frequently on television that a poll in the US showed that many Americans believed that political personality may be, it he was their ambassador. His is rooted in a personal history UN speeches were also highly

It was in America that Netanyahu first encountered advisers such as Dore Gold and a cadre of loyalists. They helped him to enter the Knesset and win the party leadership in 1993. He was also extremely well-financed by wealthy rightwing American Jews. Labour party leaders such as Yitzhak Rabin despised him, but also tended to under-estimate him. He was as ambitious and unrelenting as any American politician. În a single television

debate before the general election in May, he crushed Shimon Peres by endless repeating, in the wake of the suicide bombs planted by Hamas, the Islamic militants, that Israeli children no longer dared to board a bus. He promised "peace with security", and enough Israelis believed him to give him a razorthin victory.

Netanyahu's will to power was impressive. Once in office, he tried to construct a presidential system focusing all

anthonity on himself. Gen Ariel Sharon, one of the architects of his victory, suddenly found that he was going to be left out of the Cabinet. Only a covert alliance with David Levy, the foreign minister, saved him. The army, suspected of Labour sympathies, was no longer consulted. New advisers, none of them well known in Israel, were visibly in control. Not even right-wing settlers on the West Bank, who had voted en masse for Netanyahu, were sure if he

really supported them.
It is not as if Netanyahu had not explained his views at length in several books. They showed him to be deeply sen-sitive towards the public relations aspects of any political event, but otherwise to seek explanations in conspiracies. The way to deal with Arabs was not to raise their expectations - a mistake of the Labour government - and so ensure that they would come to heel.

After the election, the Oslo peace accords, frozen since the suicide bombs earlier in the year, remained on hold. But there were also a series of hum-iliations for the Palestinians: a meeting with Yasser Arafat was long delayed, and when it did take place produced nothing. A home for disabled children in the Old City of Jerusalem was suddenly demolished because it did not have a licence. Palestinian anger was build-

ing up. But Netanyahu seems to revel in these overt displays of Israeli power. There was no recognition that Oslo acknowledged a certain balance of power between Israel and the Palestinians - though much in favour of the former. The Intifada (uprising) on the West Bank and in Gaza after 1987 had shown that the Israeli occupation could not go on as before. Netanyahu's attitude appeared to be that Palestinian demands for human, civil and national rights had no mass support and that their denial would have no consequences.

Netanyahu and his government still portray the crisis about the tunnel as a put-up job by Arafat. The Palestinian leader responded that if they were so sure he was exploiting provided him with such an

opportunity? In fact, any perceived threat to the Muslim religious sanctuaries had always led to a furious Palestinian reaction. In 1990, 17 Palestinians were killed when they rushed to defend al-Aqsa when a Jewish fundamentalist group put up posters saying that they were

going to take it over. Prof Ezrahi says he fears that Netanyahu may not be an ideologue or a pragmatist, but a man uncertain of his own ends. He is against Oslo, but has offered no alternative. "For three months he let uncertainty mount," writes Naham Barnea. "The punishment for the waiting was heavy: 70 vic-tims with 14 Israelis among them. A serious blow has hit Israel's economic future. There is a breach in relations with the Arab world. There is the fear of terror. No tunnel could possibly be worth this kind of

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Party Conference. Is that a new game show?



Miles Kington

Could you please explain the party conference season to me? Yes. It is the continuation of the silly season by other

What is silly about the party conference season? What isn't? No, seriously, aren't the party conferences important?

Then what is the point of the conference season? Well, if nothing else, it is proof positive that the different political parties can get together and organise

something properly.

What can they organise?
They can organise the

sequence of the party conthe tiddlers like the Greens and Plaid Cymru go first, the middling minnows like the Lib Dems and SNP go next, then the big boys come last.

Is that all they can organise?

Yes. Nothing else. Why do people take the party conferences so seriously? Nobody does. Except the people who take part in them and the people who report them. It is all part of Isn't it a great strain for

one big game called party politics, which is played by the politicians and the media people, and nobody else. You must never fall into the trap of taking the side of Anna Ford against Kenneth Clarke or vice versa, because Anna Ford and Kenneth Clarke are players in the same game. both pretending that party politics are really, really, really, REALLY important.

But they are not? Lord bless you, no. Party politics bears the same relation to real politics as

Neighbours does to the theatre.

You mean, party politics is just another soap opera? I'm afraid so. The only difference between party politics and other soap operas is that whereas other soap operas are rehearsed and scripted in advance. party politics tends to be improvised and off the cuff. That is why it is so dreary. But it is also why people find it fascinating - because of the chance of a mistake or an unexpected gaffe.

politicians to improvise all the Yes. And in fact they don't. Most of what they say and do is tightly scripted. But they pretend it isn't.

Why are party conferences They are not. They are simply morale-boosting occasions for the party concerned.

Then why are they broadcast?

Because, as I was trying to explain, broadcasters and journalists and spin doctors and party politicians are all in the pretence together. It

makes the media feel important to be given access makes journalists feel important to be taken on one side by a Cabinet minister or invited to some influential party. The rest of

us couldn't give a toss. Party conferences are like the Edinburgh Festival. If you are actually there, it seems the most exciting place in the world to be. To the rest of the world it means nothing, and they can't see why anyone covers it.

Hrum. Then who watches party conferences being Broadcasters. Party

politicians. Nobody else? Yes. The asual people who switch on daytime TV because they are bored.

What do they make of party conferences? They assume it is some kind of game show they have never come across before, and they sit there for hours trying to work out the rules What would seem to be the rules of a party

conference to someone who

thought it was a game show!

shout as loud as possible even though you've got a microphone and have no need to raise your voice; b) get the rest of the people sitting in the hall to cheer all at the same time. That sounds a very boring

He would think that the

idea of the game was a) to

It is. Every year the BBC gets floods of letters about this new game show called Party Conference, complaining that it is neither funny nor exciting. Then how would you

recommend that I get through the party conference season. without having it drawn to my attention? The only way you can

begin to guarantee it is by setting off on a yacht race round the world going the wrong away against the

prevailing winds.

Good heavens. Were all those people setting off in the BT race down the Channel is heavy seas just trying to get away from the party

I can't think of any other sensible reason. Thank you very much

Labour's ruin or redemption lies with Gordon Brown

hat's happened to Gordon Brown? The opening of his speech vesterday fizzed with jokes. He has lost over a stone in weight, after punishing himself, typi-cally single-mindedly, with a daily five-mile run on the treadmill of a Westminster gym. Close friends say he is suddenly more at ease with himself, Is it that he's having more fun? He is. Is it that he has got a lot of his own way in the past year? He has. Or is it that he now subconsciously realises how utterly pivotal he will be to the man to whom he traumatically yielded up the leadership in 1994? He will be.

There was a lot Brown didn't say yesterday. He said nothing about the top rate of tax and whether a new one will be imposed on those carning more than £100,000. He referred to monetary union only to bait the Tories. But, by foreshadowing integration of the tax and benefits system. Brown plans to conclude the quest that Nigel Lawson reluctantly abandoned. We now know for certain that he intends to be a radically tax-

reforming chancellor. The commonplace view about Labour is that it is too timid to declare its hand about what sort of government it would be. Brown had done quite a lot even before yesterday to tell us what sort of chancellor he would be. in the process some blood was spilt, some bones broken. Brown can be charming and funny in private. He reads widely; he has a deep cultural hinterland. But he can be brutal when crossed. To still opposition to his relentless advance across the electoral battlefield, he has sometimes cajoled, as often bullied, his colleagues into line.

be exposed The ending of child benefit for parents of the 16s to 18s is a case in point. For David Blunkett, now a rising star of modernisation, this was an opportunity – not least because it put him in charge of an educational allowance to help poorer children to stay at school. Blunkett became an ally. Chris Smith, then Shadow Social Security Secretary, objected, unwilling to accept that benefits for low income groups should be financed by removing them off the better off. Smith was summarily switched and replaced by Harriet Harman. The proposal was Brown's own. Blair backed it, but only after carefully weighing up the real electoral risks. The big advantage was that it helped to prove, first, that Brown was serious about containing spending. It was bold proof that ministers would have to save before they could spend. And, secondly, there was more than rhetoric to Blair's stated goal of reforming the welfare state. There had been a lot of warm words about tough choices. but this was the real thing. A dam was

tax child benefit for higher-rate payers. Brown's constant desire to give himself space as chancellor is apparent in the pre-conference deal he brokered on pensions - a deal that leaves intact Labour's freedom to channel increases in pensions to the poorest rather than those who don't need them.

breached. Suddenly, it no longer looks so inconceivable that a Labour government might

But it is evident, too, in his position on monetary union, that Brown is not as doctrinally committed to EMU as Kenneth Clarke. He has a deep sense of the potential of staying out. That's why, ideally, he would like a manifesto wording on EMU sufficiently in favour to allow a Labour government, if necessary, to claim that



Donald Mocintyre

The fact is that without Brown the party's centre of gravity would start to slip, perhaps irrevocably, away from the modernisers. Blair would

electoral victory gave it a man-date and that a referendum is unnecessary. He recognises that all the experience of previous Labour governments is to post-pone difficult decisions until it's too late - the IMF crisis of exactly 20 years ago being the

outstanding example.

A temporarily unpopular
Labour government might not win a referendum, especially one fought out against an anti-EMU Tory party. Brown's toughness, therefore, isn't in doubt. He is a driven politician, more so in some ways than his

You can quite easily imagine Blair leaving politics in the event, scarcely thinkable in the optimistic atmosphere of Blackpool, of Labour suffering its fifth defeat. It's almost impossible to imagine Brown doing so. And if you doubt his importance, simply consider for a moment a Shadow Cabinet without him. Robin Cook may dispute what he was reported as saying about the need not to sacrifice the poor to the desire for votes in middle England. But he thinks it - and more. Neo-Keynesian to the last, he is the leading spokesman of the left. Blair needs him, too, not only because of his abilities but because of the constituency he delivers in the run-up to the election. It is fortunate that Cook and Brown, the two cleverest men in the Shadow Cabinet, get on better with Tony Blair than they do with each other. It's fortunate, too, that for all the weekend tremors Cook is as single-minded about victory as his colleagues. But the fact is that without Brown the party's centre of gravity would start to slip, perhaps irrevocably, away from the modernisers. Blair would be

exposed in a way it would be impossible to imagine him being when he stands

up to speak this afternoon. Brown also knows how to translate the tough messages of modernisation into a language that the party can understand, has spoken for decades. It's apparent in the case of child benefit and pensions, where Brown has started to challenge, in terms distinctively of the left, the assumption that it is possible to have at the same time both universal benefit and redistribution.

Brown has started to show that ending some universal benefits can be a means of redistribution. Whatever its other virtues, it doesn't underpin social justice to - as he put it yesterday "justify the wife of a millionaire receiving child benefit for a teenager over 16 when the mother of an unemployed teenager does not".

But it's apparent, too, in his familiar warning vesterday that rising inflation hits the poor hardest, or in the invocation of Aneurin Bevan to preach the tough language of priorities. Those in the conference hall yesterday who worry most about where Blair is taking them do not love Brown. But even they recognise the depth of his anger about unemployment. And they are beginning to recognise his central mes-sage vesterday that drastic tax cuts for the working poor can offer more hope than increases in demeaning benefits. They also know that he belongs to the tribe in a way that they are not quite sure that Blair does. It's fair to assume that after the leadership trauma of 1994, it can never quite be glad confident morn-ing again for the Blair-Brown friendship. But it is indispensible for what Blair wants to do in power. Still the closest, it is now also the most important relationship in British politics.

There's just enough muck in Ambridge

by Emma Daly and Richard Smith

The bucolic bliss of a country childhood – it's an image that everyone shares, even those who grew up as townies. But sex and death are the facts of life and the sins of the 20th century exist even in villages, even in the fictional hamlet of Ambridge,
It was ever thus, but you

would never know it from the lamentations of those protesting that *The Archer*s, 46 years old, has shed its cosy, traditional chintz and is rampaging naked through the garden of political correctness

The furore was sparked by William Smethurst, a former producer and author of a vitriolic book attacking the pro-gramme's present editor, Vanessa Whitburn, and describing the show as "a ferment of greed, sexual passion and fam-ily discord, racial hatred and rampant, radical feminism".

This comes as something of a shock to the average listener, trying feverishly to remember an episode that could provoke such a lurid reaction - Lizzie's spats with Nigel Pargeter's mum? Neil Carter's almost-affair with the wicked Mo? Phil Archer taking up cooking? Radical? Perhaps Mr Smethurst means that many women work in Ambridge, some outside the house.

The flames of the "Archers row" were fanned this weekend by claims that Tony Parkin, the agricultural story editor, is resigning because he, too, is fed up with the changes wrought in Ambridge. He declined to comment, but a BBC spokesman pointed out that Mr Parkin, who gave the show almost a year's notice, will be 70 when he bows out in November.

Yet, despite the complaints of Mr Smethurst, the reality in many rural areas makes the Ambridge of today's airwaves look rather like the village in aspic he aspires to. Bromsgrove, the model for Borchester, the town nearest to Ambridge in the series, offers mouth-watering fare for the Archers script-writers.

A short visit yesterday suggested just a few of the local conflicts. The local Tory MP, Roy Thomason, has decided to abandon the battle for Bromsgrove at the next election, after business venture ran into financial problems. Council lans to build an arts, leisure and shopping complex on the town's recreation ground are also certain to spark local

Brian Carter - no relation to the fictional Susan and Neil has been burgled twice in the past year. "Bromsgrove used to be like a village, but now it's grown into a big town," Mr Carter, a taxi driver, said, "A lot of kids are taking crack, ecstasy and cannabis - even the 14year-olds."

Actually the drug abuse portrayed in The Archers is rather low key in comparison - the rebellious Kate Aldridge using marijuana and ecstasy, her boyfriend Roy disapproving of Ambridge, where punters tend



Tve been listening to *The Archers* for 40 years and I think the scriptwriters are being realistic'

it. A survey of school-children in East Sussex found that 20 per cent of 14- and 15-year-olds had tried an illegal drug. West Mercia Police recently

set up roadblocks in an operation to stop hundreds of party-goers from holding a rave in a village near Bromsgrove, while the latest edition of the Bromsgrove Messenger tells of a 15year-old trapped inside a Metro after he crashed while being chased by a police car.

"The whole atmosphere has completely changed. I've been listening to The Archers for 40 years and I think the scriptwriters are being realistic," Mr Carter said. "There is violence at weekends when people come out of the pubs." All of which is far worse than the type of trouble that happens in

to slip in to The Bull for a single pint, rather than lounging around until closing time.

Much has been made by Archers' critics of the fact that the landlord of the rival Cat and Fiddle has been outed as a homosexual. Given the oftenquoted statistic that one in 10 men is gay, this does not seem excessive; not all gay men live in London or Manchester. And the town of Droitwich

near Bromsgrove, boasts a vicar almost too exciting for The Archers. Apparently the Rev Ron Waters, angered by the building of 200 houses on green-belt land, stormed out of a council meeting shouting "Hitler is back, Sieg Heil". I can't see Ambridge's (female) vicar going that far.

Mr Smethurst also criticised a story-line in which the Asian solicitor, Usha Gupta, is attacked by racist thugs.

"These things just don't hap-pen," he said. But they do, and

the isolation felt by black and

Asian Britons living in the

country can be worse than the

organic pigs, and his girlfriend

ressures of the city. Which leaves sex. A double entendre last year between John Archer, who breeds Hayley Jordan - "I've got to get my pork set up"; "Oh John not in public" - upset Mary Whitehouse ("It's a sad day when smut comes to Ambridge," she said at the time). How on earth did she cope in the 1960s, with, for example, the birth of Jennifer Aldridge's illegitimate child Adam? Or, for that matter, with Jennifer's four chil-

dren by three men? Rural life, the critics say, is iust not as interesting as Radio 4's version. Tony Finn, a busissman in Bromsgrove, thinks "the scriptwriters have got it wrong if they are trying to project startling events they hope will appeal to townies and bigcity folk". He said the team should come down to the local pub and listen to the gossip". adding that: "I suspect they would find it all rather boring."

And so would the listeners. The Archers is not supposed to be a fly-on-the-wall documentary, it's entertainment, fiction. drama. Actually, though, the story-lines in The Archers are mostly concerned with all our daily cares - work, the family. love affairs, requited or not the writers have always pulled dramatic stories out when nec-

It is no longer intended to educate farmers about warblefly, but in the recent past has addressed the BSE scare, the possibility that badgers can infect cattle with TB and how to deal with a bat infestation.

But as it began in didactic mode, so it needed a story to sugar the pill. "People have this sort of fond memory of The around the table at Brookfield. and what they forget is it was written for many years by the two writers who wrote Dick Barton Secret Agent," said Keri Davies, senior producer at The Archers. "They told people rip-ping yarns, and that is how they dragged them in as listeners."

In earlier years, listeners grappled with the death of Doris Archer in a barn fire, the revelation that a retired officer was in fact a British spy, and Tom Forrest's acquittal on manslaughter charges - be shot Bob Larkin dead in a fight shortly after the latter had made

eyes at Tom's girlfriend Prue. Despite the false memory syndrome so beloved of the British and summed up by John Major as warm beer and old aunts cycling, the countryside and those who live in it are just as red in tooth and claw as townies. And so are The Archers. But don't worry too much, Mr Smethurst - it's all

From our own 500 correspondents

t's a case of elephantiasis that only shows once a year, at party con-ference time. This week the BBC has more than 400 staff at the Labour Party conference in Blackpool, and more than 500 converging on Bournemouth for the Conservative conference next week.

Even if the BBC offered wall-towall coverage (live coverage of the conferences is confined to a couple of hours morning and afternoon over four days), even if we generously allowed that some of that legion of accreditations were executives in suits down to the seaside to do a bit of gladhanding, that would be far too many.

When the Director-General's cele-brated drinks party at the conference is costed, together with trains, hotels and meals, the licence fee-supported BBC will be unlikely to get much change from £1m. and that's excluding telephone and cable and salary costs. And the same again next week at the Tory conference.

The BBC says it can't give a total of those who "do politics"; nor does it have figures for the total of "political"

The political hordes are only dimly cen the rest of the year, because there s a tacit agreement to keep it that way between MPs, the BBC and the newspaper lobby correspondents (some of shom get nice little earners from reg-ular BBC interviews).

The BBC has built a political empire, with many of its troops cosseted in lavish studios and offices on Milibank, opposite the Houses of ParDoes John Birt's BBC really need so many political staff? The licence-fee payer should be told, says David Walker

Television Centre. They are there to serve the public, enriching our democracy by reporting the derring-do of parties and Parliament. Instead, there is a good case that the massive scale of BBC coverage merely diminishes the public interest in politics.

Under BBC Westminster's empire-builder-in-chief, Samir Shah, 110 fulltime journalists cover Parliament. overseen by 40 managers and assistants, with all the studio managers, engineers and technical staff to be counted on top. If Robin Oakley, the BBC's political editor, were to fall under one of the racehorses he writes about each week for The Spectator, at least 11 further BBC lobby corre-

spondents could step in. Tony Blair's press secretary, Alastair Campbell, stopped there in his recent complaint about how oppressive this weight of numbers can feel day to day. His sums need adding to. The several scores of people actually producing live official coverage of the Commons and Lords are separate and extra. There is the World Service - two dedicated British domestic political reporters, plus producers and reporters from various of the foreign language services who seem to think their audiences need on-the-spot cov-

many of the rest of BBC News and Current Affairs' 1,100 journalists (plus at least 150 freclances and part-timers, plus at least 750 studio managers and technical staff doing news-related work, plus 600 managers and assistants). How many of them are also pol-

iticking?
Radio 4's Today, The World at One and the other "sequence" programmes on radio each have several staff working almost full-time telephoning ministers and their shadows and, when they will not bite, also-ran MPs. Then there are the (dozen) political speerage from party conferences.

But a full accounting of the BBC's lish regions, plus another political liament. Others are garrisoned in political commitment needs to take in apparatus for both Wales and Scot-

land. Producers and reporters from local radio stations regularly arrive at Millbank to claim "their" slice of the

parliamentary pie.
On top of this small army, there is the BBC Chief Political Adviser. Then there are the weekly programmes dip-ping in and out of politics to different degrees, such as Panorama, whose edition last night on spin doctoring inspired Mr Campbell to uncork his popgun on BBC staff numbers.
Officially, "political programmes" amount to only 505 hours of radio and

television output a year. But in fact, politics makes up a huge fraction of weekly programmes, including Question Time, On The Record, and news bulletins, "Politics is cheap," said one executive, not sardonically. But still the question hangs there; why so many?

The official answer - they are needed to supply the 11,000 hours of radio and television news and current affairs output - won't do. It is necessary instead to understand the BBC's unique system of internal competition. Radio Five Live wants a different

sound from the piece that you hear on the news summary on Radio 2. The PM programme on Radio 4 at five in the afternoon wants a different and fresher "angle" than The World at One, and so on, through to the Nine O'Clock News and Newsnight. This merry-go-round creates a "feeding frenzy" and a desperate desire for novelty. No one stops

rage the nation needs.

The BBC's real problem is a fixation on party politics to the exclusion of matters of power and policy. Mr Shah has been encouraged to expand and 500 people attend party conferences because those in control of its output demand yet more Westminster politics. And that reflects the iron in the BBC's soul: because it is, albeit at one remove, an organ of state, it is political from top to toe.

Let me here declare a personal interest, somewhat more serious than the fact that I, like Alastair Campbell, was recently treated to a BBC promenade concert and dinner afterwards. For two unhappy years I was the BBC's Urban Affairs Correspondent, the principal part of which brief was covering a different kind of politics, to do with local authorities, quangos, the politics of policy and spending. Did the editors of *Today* or the *Nine O'Clock* News want such stuff? Only to a very limited extent. Despite all the evidence that formal politics puts people off, the BBC churns it out.

Under John Birt, BBC News and Current Affairs has grown massively by 9 per cent over the year to 1995 96. At the same time, public discontent with formal politics has grown apace. Tony Hall, chief executive of BBC News, admits that younger viewers and listeners are switching off in droves. The more people see and hear of their elected representatives, the less they seem to like. Could there possibly be some relationship between the two?

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UK banks falter over Eurotunnel debt deal



MICHAEL HARRISON

Eurotunnel shares were suspended yesterday as speculation mounted that the Channel tunuel operator will announce a deal on the rescheduling of its £8bn debt mountain in the next

Talks in London over the weekend between the company and representatives of its its 220strong banking syndicate al-most produced an agreement. But an announcement was prevented by the reluctance of leading British hanks to accept some of the detailed terms of the

swopped for equity.
"We came within a whisker of

an agreement within the last few days," said one source close to the talks. "There is still a gap but it is bridegable. All the parties involved want a deal. It just re-

quires one more heave."

The price at which the shares were suspended, 113.5p, is just 2p short of their high for the

Eurotunnel said it had requested the suspension pending an announcement from the President of the French commercial court who appointed two mandataires ad hoc to me-

large chunk of the bank debt diate between the company and its bankers earlier this year.
The mandate of the two me-

diators, the former Cabinet minister Lord Wakeham and Robert Badinter, expired at midnight and has not been renewed. An amnouncement from the court is expected in the next two days.

The court has the authority to begin proceedings to place Euortunnel in protective administration, if there is no agreement. But observers believe it is more likely to give the the two sides a short period - perhaps 10 to 14 days - to reach a final agreement. The weekend talks, held on

what was described as "neutral

territory" in London, involved Eurotunnel and the bank steering group. This comprises its Midland, Credit Lyonnnais and Banque National de Paris - the the European Coal and Steel Community.

On Friday, the Eurotunnel board will meet as will its key 25strong committee of instructing banks who represent the views of the rest of the banking syndicate.

Sources suggested last night that this could pave the way for an announcement at the beginning of next week.

"The chances of a deal being done finally are better than even," one said. Three weeks ago Sir Alastair Morton, who retires as co-chairman of Eurotunnel at the end of October, said the "architecture" of an agreement was in place. He added that there were about eight hours of negotiations left

complete them.
Since then talks are understood to have progressed quick-er than expected. One observer said the two sides were "five eighths of the way down the

which is why he had given him-self another eight weeks to

are said to have been keen to reach an agreement before the mandate of the two mediators expired. But the Britrish representatives are understood to have baulked at the terms.

Under the rescheduling deal, the banks will swop part of their of their debt for a 49 per cent stake in Eurotunnel and exchange a further portion for convertible bonds. What remains to be agreed is the precise amount of debt that will be exchanged and the price at which the bonds

convert to shares. Conversion of the bonds would give the banks control of

The two French agent banks the company but Eurotunnel is holding out for an option be redeem the bonds should it meet certain revenue targets, allowing it to prevent further dilution of its existing shareholders.

The Anglo-French consortium suspended interest payments on most of its £80n of debts a year ago. Since then it has racked up another £370m of interest which has not yet been paid. The debt standstill runs until April of next year but all sides appear to accept that unless agreement on resched-uling can be reached by the end of this month, then the courts will

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scrapped

The proposed \$5bn (£3.2bn)

merger between ADT, the

Bermuda-based commercial

and home alarm giant run by

Michael Ashcroft, and Repub-

lic Industries, a relative new-

comer to the electronic securities field, has been

scrapped.
Originally announced in July.

as a stock transaction, the deal

had been considered doubtful

for some time because of

volatility in Republic's stock

value. Meanwhile, Western Re-

sources, a US utilities com-

pany that holds 24.3 per cent of

ADT, had also made plain its

barrassment to Wayne Huizen-

ga, the chairman of Republic,

who is famed in the US for his

aggression in building busi-

nesses. Mr Huizenga is the

mogul who forged the Block-

buster video retail empire which

Since assuming control of

Republic last year, at the time

a sleepy waste haulage business,

public into the unassailable

ADT, chaired by Mr

Ashcroft, saw its shares dip on

the news in early trading in New York yesterday by \$1 to \$18.875. Shares in Republic were pushed

up slightly.
The delay in completing the

transaction forced both com-

panies to put business expansion

Ashcroft said in a statement.

Both companies will now be

plans on hold for too long," Mr 🌩

leader in the sector.

he finally sold for \$8.4bn.

Its collapse will bring em-

opposition to the merger.

DAVID USBORNE

World-wide shake-up of Rothschild dynasty

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

The Rothschilds are poised to announce a big reorganisation that will mark a step on the road towards integrating the banking dynasty's world-wide businesses.

The expected changes are part of a long awaited management shake-up to deal with increasing competitive pressures in the investment banking industry.

A new group investment banking committee, chaired by Baron David de Rothschild, is to coordinate the family's corporate finance businesses in London, Paris, the rest of continental Europe, Hong Kong. Singapore, Australia, North America and Latin America.

Baron de Rothschild, 53, was the talented French banker who resurrected the banking fortunes of the Rothschilds in Paris after the family's French bank was nationalised by in 1981.

He became deputy chairman of NM Rothschild, the London merchant bank, in 1992. His new role makes him the hot favourite to succeed Sir Evelyn de Rothschild as chairman of NM Rothschild, the London merchant bank. Sir Evelyn is the senior banker in the Rothschild fami-

As part of the wide ranging changes planned at Rothschild. Baron de Rothschild is to become chairman of a newly established company in London, NM Rothschild Corporate Finance, which will liaise with the rest of the empire through the new worldwide investment bank-

Separately from the moves on the investment banking front, there are also plans to give a clearer identity to all the bank-ing businesses in the Rothschild empire owned by the family's Swiss holding company, Roth-

schild Continuation Holdings.

The balance sheets of the individual businesses are eventually to be published on a group wide basis, which is likely to reinforce the trend towards running the family businesses as a coordinated entity. However, this is a delicate and difficulty operation, and does not include Rothschild & Cie, the French business, which does not belong to the Swiss holding company.

Russell Edey, the present head of corporate finance in London, is to become deputy chairman of NM Rothschild Corporate Finance, the new London business set up under Baron de Rothschild's chair-

Mr Edey described the new

payments by Christmas

group investment banking committee committee as "coordination rather than integration,' and made clear that it resulted from the rapid changes under way in the investment banking industry over the last couple of

He added "Unless you take maximum advantage of the strengths and opportunities that are open to you, in my view you become one of the also-rans, and we have no intention of being one of the also runs."

Mr Edey's job as head of corporate finance will be taken by two joint chief executives, Tony Alt and Keith Palmer, aided by three other senior members of the management team, Richard Davey, Philip Swatman and Charles Alexander, all of whom will be managing di-

The changes in London are expected to include a decision by Bernie Myers, the most influential of the bank's four managing directors, to move into a back seat role.

As part of the changes, Rothschild is thought to be about to hire at least one new corporate finance executives to join its The London shake-up fol-

lows the departure of a series of senior executives in corporate fi-

nance and metal trading from NM Rothschild earlier this year. John Bishop, the bullion spe-cialist, went to UBS as did Michael Phair, a privatisation specialist, and Authory Fry, a corporate finance high flyer went to BZW.

This led to reports of widespread dissatisfaction with Sir Evelyn's rule at the bank, which from being one of the top flight firms in London has been overshadowed by the rapid growth of huge integrated investment banks with enormous capital resources. With Schroders, Hambros and Lazards, it is one of a handful of independents left in London.

The bank was also hit by the suicide of Amschel Rothschild, head of the fund management side, who hanged himself in a Paris hotel room. Although said to have been an heir apparent to Sir Evelyn, it is thought high-ly unlikely that he would ever have succeded to the head of the

Baron de Rothschild, although running a bank that is outside the mainstream of the family businesses because he and his father set it up themselves in the early 1980s, was a more likely contender to take over once he took the deputy chairmanship in London four years ago.



Changing faces (clockwise from top left): David Rothschild, new corporate finance chairman; Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, chairman of the bank; Lord Wakeham, former cabinet minister on the board; Amschel Rothschild, fund management chief who committed suicide

Mr Huizenga has engineered more than 30 acquisitions, turning the company into a combine with security, waste haulage IMF to agree interest | Sky aims for BBC pay-TV equity and used-car interests. The absorption of ADT, already the largest security firm in the US, would have transformed Re-

There is gold pouring into the Treasury. Not the real thing, unfortunately. Thousands of postcards shaped like gold ingots have been sent by supporters of Oxfam to praise Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exagreements to incorporate minchequer, for his role in the ini-

the world's poorest countries must pay on their debt. The initiative will not at first he financed by the sale of some IMF gold, as Mr Clarke had advocated. But the initial financing was agreed during the weekend and the \$5.6bn (£3.6bn) package received its final approval at the annual meeting of the International

tiative to reduce the interest that

Monetary Fund yesterday. The Chancellor also backed a proposal by Renato Rug-giero, head of the World Trade Organisation, to take the relief of poverty in developing countries to its next stage by abolishing tariffs on their exports. He said; "We need to give poor countries the chance to grow through access to world mar-

However, the trade liberalisation proposals could prove controversial as at least two of the G7 countries, France and the US, lean towards protecting their domestic industries from Third-World competition. Those two countries have been pushing for international trade

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Uganda and Kenneth Clarke are two beneficiaries of a plan to reduce debt in the Third World. **Diane Coyle** reports

goods made by children or by forced labour.

duction plan will start with Uganda, the first beneficiary. Officials said yesterday they hoped to have details agreed by Christmas and the debt reduction under way by 1998. Uganda's interest payments will be reduced by some \$80m a year. Its record of sound economic policies has earned it a place at the head of the queue

Other countries could have to wait up to six years. The initiative is meant to rescue extremely poor countries from the trap of debt so big that their interest payments are greater than they could ever pay. About 40 borrowers, mainly African, are in this position, and about half could be eligible for relief from the new debt initiative. They include Burundi, Cote

D'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Guyana, Mozambique and Nicaragua. The aid charities welcomed the acceptance of the debt relief plan but expressed concern

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that it would be applied too imum labour standards, which rigidly. Justin Forsyth, a would close western markets to spokesman for Oxfam International said: "This is an historic

breakthrough that offers real hope and opportunity. But the extent to which the hopes are Negotiations on the debt rerealised depends on how quickly countries now start to get the debt relief." Mr Clarke said the rules for eligibility must be applied with

common sense and flexibility. He said lenders had to be sensible. "In the past, too many of the richer countries were prepared to lend to poor, already indebted countries for projects that did not add to their capacity to grow," he said.
In a separate meeting of the

IMF's Interim Committee, finance ministers issued a statement stressing the importance of sound fiscal and monetary policies and structural reform in a multi-point statement dubbed the "Eleven Commandments" by Michel Camdessus, the IMFU's managing director. It placed emphasis on "achieving budget balance and strengthened fiscal discipline in a multi-year framework".

BSkvB, Rupert Murdoch's satellite giant, is gunning for an equity stake in the proposed £200m Flextech-BBC pay-TV joint venture, sources said last

It is understood that BSkyB will seek a significant share in the planned eight channels, in exchange for agreeing to offer them to its 3.8 million direct-tohome satellite subscribers. If its intentions are spurned, BSky could elect to develop competing channels in advance of the Flextech-BBC launch, particularly arts and documen-

aries, as a spoiling tactic. At least

two independent documentary doesn't make sense. BSkyB has which pay-TV operators see as film companies have been approached by BSkyB to discuss developing a new channel. The BBC has said it was

against inviting BSkyB to participate in the pay-TV venture. which would see up to eight new BBC-branded pay-TV channels introduced by next summer. But Flextech, owned 51 per cent by John Malone's TCI, is believed to be more flexible. A source said last night: We nev-

er rule anything out."
The threat of introducing competing channels was rejected last night as a negotiating tactic by the Flextech source. "It's the kind of thing any of us might do, but it

the chance to carry the new channels without taking any of the [financial] risk, and we are sure they will see it that way." BSkyB, which is the leading

pay-TV player in the UK, has sought equity stakes in many of the channels it has offered through its multichannel package. It has a 50 per cent share of Nickelodeon, the children's channel, as well as stakes in Piayboy, QVC and Paramount. It is also a 40 per cent share-holder in Granada Sky Broadcasting, which launches seven

new pay-TV services today.

BSkyB had been competing against Flextech for the right to develop the BBC channels,

Meanwhile, it emerged ves terday that a crucial side deal by Flextech, to consolidate its holdings in UK Gold and UK Living, was still "a long way"

from being completed. The deal, which would see Pearson and Cox Communications of Atlanta sell their minority stakes in the channels in exchange for non-voting shares in Flextech, must be completed before Flextech's proposed joint venture agreement with the BBC can go ahead. This is because UK Gold currently holds the exclusive pay-TV rights to BBC

its worst years in betting. How-

ever, it said trading since the end of March had shown some re-

covery with tight cost control

John McNair, chairman, said

initial results from introducing

amusement machines to betting

shops had exceeded expecta-

leading to better margins.

free to resume their individual business plans." Analysis will watch Western Resources, which may be in-terested in taking majority control of ADT. The merger, that had been cheduled for completion be-

fore the end of the year, was probably doomed last summer when shares in Republic tum-bled from a high of \$29 when the deal was first amounced to lows of around \$20. Thus, the returns that had been promised to ADT shareholders, including to Western Resources, suddenly seemed deflated.
"Despite both companies

initial enthusiasm about this transaction, we now have agreed that this combination is no longer in the best interests of our respective companies, Mr Huizenga said in a statement of his own.

MERCURY

Stanley to lose £2.25m after jockey's wins £100,000 while 27 others had again," said Surrey Group's National Lottery, poor weather and freak results for one of

were yesterday counting the stock market cost of jockey Frankie Dettori's record seven wins at Ascot on Saturday. The 25,095-1 feat forced Stanley Leisure to issue a profits warning while shares in bookie minnow Surrey Group lost a quarter of their value to close at 0.75p. Stanley Leisure said the Det-

Britain's smaller bookmakers

tori wins would cost the group around £2.25m in its first-half results to 28 October. Two of its punters had won more than £200,000 and another won

from "this unprecedented situation", trading to date in the racing division was satisfactory with turnover and margins improved on the same period last year. Stanley Leisure has more than 500 outlets after acquiring the Gus Carter chain in May. Surrey Group, which is trying to diversify away from betting, said Saturday's events would cost it £100,000 with two customers

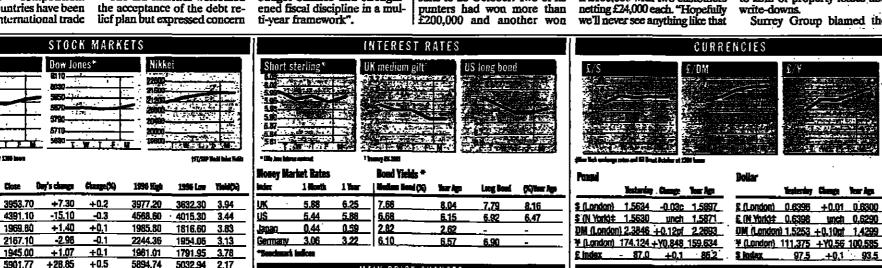
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placed bets yielding five-figure company secretary, Paddy Bolger. "We just couldn't hedge our bets. No one would take them." He said the company was introducing fruit machines to its betting offices and developing a golf course which will open in

> He was speaking as Surrey Group announced widening losses of £4.66m in the year to March. This compared to a £17,000 deficit last year. The operating losses were £1.3m added to £3m of property losses and write-downs Surrey Group blamed the

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'Clare Spottiswoode has nothing to lose by standing firm whereas British Gas cannot be sure of gaining anything by going to the MMC'

It's not too late for British Gas to reconsider

jor sense of humour failure later this week. Unless the director general of Ofgas agrees to modify significantly her final set of price controls over the TransCo pipeline business. Dick Giordano and his merry men intend to stomp off and put their case to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

It is important, at this point, to note that we have been here many times before. Recent history is littered with examples of how privatised utilities have been irreconcilably opposed to proposals by their regulators, only to cobble together some miraculous accommodation at the last moment.

This time, however, it does look like more than a game of brinkmanship. The two sides have become so entrenched in their attitudes and uncompromising in their public utterances that it is hard to see how either can back down without heavy loss of face.

The regulator, with one eye on survival after the next election and the other on the £28 cut in bills she has dangled before domestic gas users, believes she has right on her side. The company maintains it cannot accept the Ofgas proposals even if it wanted to. Quite apart from amounting to expropriation of assets, they would render TransCo incapable of running the pipelines in a reliable and safe manner. Not much room to cut a deal there. The difficulty for British Gas is that this is

to untangle the take-or-pay mess, cope with the introduction of competition into its monopoly markets and, lest we forget, demerge into two separate companies.

It was in part these distractions that scuppered the deal in Scotland with Hydro-Electric, and yet here is British Gas prepared to submit itself to a six-month MMC inquiry. For Ms Spottiswoode, on the other hand, this is pretty much the only game in town save for the other price review she is conducting into the supply arm of British Gas. She has nothing to lose by standing firm, whereas British Gas cannot be sure of gaining anything by going to the MMC.

It is still not too late for the board to reconsider. It may gain a little loose change by going to the MMC, but this is unlikely to counteract the lost management time and opportu-nity involved in tying itself up for six months or more in such an all-embracing investigation.

Credibility problem for NM Rothschild

NM Rothschild has experienced such a flood of losses from its senior ranks in recent months that to describe the forthcoming raft of changes as a "management shake-up" seems a bit of a misnomer. It may be more just one of the many fires it is fighting. Its of a case of management patch-up. But how-

mighty family-controlled City bank faces a very uncertain future.

Despite its good name, Rothschild has a growing credibility problem as it approaches the millennium. It is not large enough to play with the big boys of international investment banking, nor is it small and specialist enough to thrive as a niche player. Scandal at both Barings and Morgan Grenfell has further weakened the position of the small to medium sized player, traditional City merchant banks seem not only to be particularly prone to the antics of rogue traders, they also lack the financial muscle to survive them when they do fall victim.

There will always be a demand for the smaller player, but where real money is involved, clients are going to be increasingly wary of those without the capital to weather a major hit. This is a bad enough backdrop for the likes of Rothschild. On top of that, insiders complain about a lack of direction, and they worry about the succession to the autocratic, and occasionally volatile Sir Evelyn de Rothschild. The asset management operation meanwhile remains difficult.

The link up with ABN Amro on the capital markets side is only a partial answer to Rothschild's problems. To some extent it fills the gap in distribution created by the sale of Smith New Court to Merrill Lynch, but whether either party will find this a satisfac-

a more high profile executive role may provide a solution to the succession, but it isn't going to be any kind of an answer to the structural problems described above.

It would be wrong, however, to start reading the last rites for this historic City institution. The world may be an inhospitable place these days for the independent, family-controlled investment bank, but as Schroders has shown, with careful, switchedon management, it can be made to work. Whether David Rothschild, if he is indeed heir apparent, can accomplish the trick is another thing. He was family hero for reviving the dynasty in Paris in the early 1980s, but London is a rather different environment.

Put Brent Walker out of its misery

There was a nice irony in little Frankie
Dettoristinging William Hill for £8m even
as Ray Hinton, a bean-counter from Arthur
Andersen, was concluding that the bookie's owner, Brent Walker, was due £36m from Grand Met. Taking with one hand while you pay out with the other is part and parcel of

Short of an about-turn by the laughing regulator (Clare Spottiswoode), the board of Est debacle over the disconnection of paying British Gas looks to be gearing up this area and restore its reputation, there's no getting away from the fact that this once the state of the family dynasty into the French branch of the family dynasty into the fact that this once the state of the family dynasty into the fact that this once the state of the family dynasty into the fact that this once the state of the family dynasty into the fact that this once the state of the family dynasty into the fact that the smooth of the family dynasty into the family dynast in 1989 was exactly han the original claim filed by George Walker's former empire against Grand Met. This has the appearance of a good old fashioged British fudge and, after deducting a previous debt owed the other way, the net result is a pilling irritant for Grand Met and a basely noticeable source of

Grand Met and a barely noticeable source of relief for Brent Walker.

The second sweet from is that Brent Walker, of all companies, in its time the doyen of creative accounting, should be the beneficiary of a restrongerive clampdown on artificially inflated profits. Before Professor Tweedle rode into town, the sort of acquisitional accounting analysis to Hill was do north. tion accounting applied to Hill was de rigeur.
You could hardly ask for a company better qualified than Brent Walker to spot it.

The resolution of this spat does nothing to change the underlying facts of Brent Walker, which is a company with assets worth less than £600m and liabilities of more than £1.4bn. Clarifying the value of William Hill may make it easier for a sale to be negotiated, but the fact remains that Brent Walker as a whole has no future. Even assuming some worth in the accumulated tax losses of a company that has notched up more than £1.7bn of red ink over the past five years, it continues to be a mys-tery why the shares have any value at all, let a turf accountant's life even if the numbers alone that they should jump 40 per cent, as they did yesterday. A death this slow is a painful speciation. A death this slow is a painful speciation. Why don't the banks put themselves are an irrelevance. It is no coin-

Hill dispute costs Grand Met £36m

TOM STEVENSON City Editor

Grand Metropolitan is to pay £36m to Brent Walker in set-tlement of a six-year-old dispute over the price the leisure group, run by former boxer George Walker, paid for the William Hill bookmaking chain in 1989. The decision by an independent arbitrator from the accountants Arthur Andersen yesterday clears an obstacle to the final dismemberment of Brent Walker, which has struggled under a mountain of debt since soon after the ill-fated Hill acquisition.

The dispute between the two companies hinged on the prof-itability of William Hill at the time of the acquisition, which Brent Walker claimed was lower than Grand Met, then headed by Lord Sheppard, warranted. The arbitrator, Ray Hinton, agreed that the profits on which the consideration should have been based were £45.8m and not the £55m figure that was used as the basis for calculating the £685m price tag for William Hill.

As a result of the shortfall in profits, Mr Hinton said Grand Met owed Brent Walker £117.5m, about half the £235m originally claimed by the leisure group. That was to be offset, however, by a sum of £82m which Brent Walker owed Grand Met. A previous court case had ruled in 1991 that Brent Walker should pay over £50m it had withheld from the original consideration

plus interest. A spokesman for Grand Met said yesterday the company would abide by the arbitration and take the £36m as an exceptional hit against the current year's profits. Brent Walker said it was seeking a meeting with Grand Met to resolve several other issues, including a claim

for breaches of warranties. The ruling in favour of Brent Walker follows a decision last week in a Paris court that the company should pay £6m to its former chairman. That dispute arose from a £20m loan made by Mr Walker to the company in 1989 to help it pay for the William Hill purchase. The rul-

ing threatened to trigger a promise from Brent Walker's largest lender that it would put the company into receivership rather than put in any fresh funds, although the bank appears to have stepped back from that ultimate sanction.

Attention now focuses on the future of Brent Walker, which recently wrote down the value of its last two remaining subsidiaries, William Hill and the Pubmaster pub chain, to £570m which compares with the company's debt burden of more than £1.4hn. Rumours continue to swirl

around the company. Bass and Stanley Leisure have both been linked to William Hill but are thought to have lost interest in the 1,650-strong chain which might raise £500m in a sale. Meanwhile a trade sale of Pubmaster is understood to have been abandoned and venture capital groups are being lined up for a possible £160m deal. Flotation next year is another option. Brent Walker's shares closed 1p higher at 3.5p yesterday.



At odds: George Walker, left, and Lord Sheppard, who used to head Grand Met

Lane checks out of Holiday Inns

TOM STEVENSON

Tim Lane yesterday resigned with immediate effect as pres-ident and chief executive of the Holiday Inns hotel company owned by Bass. His departure comes just six months after he fanfare of eulogies from Sir Ian a clear leader in global hospi-Prosser, chairman and chief tallty is a major also executive of Bass

The company would only say yesterday: "There were fundamental differences about the manner in which the business should be managed." One analyst said the departure of Mr. Lane had probably followed a: major falling-out with Sir Ian. Bryan Langton, chairman of world's largest single hotel Holiday Inns, will take over Mr Lane's duties.

Mr Lane, who will receive anunspecified amount of compensation for loss of office. joined Bass in February after 15

vear-old American had been president of Asia and the Middle East for PepsiCo Restaurants International. He had been responsible for more than 2,500 company-owned, jointventure and franchise restaurants throughout the region.

tality is a major element of Base's strategy to enhance shareholder value. With Tim Lane joining us, I believe that we have the continuity of leadership in Holiday Inn to drive the business forward."

As part of a recent trading statement, Bass said profits at Holiday Inn. which is the brand, had risen during the second half year, although at a slower rate than in the first half. Yesterday's announcement came after the close of trading. during which Bass's shares had years at PepsiCo, where the 47- fallen 5.5p to 779.5p.

Legal case hits Imperial shares

MAGNUS GRIMOND

Analysts expect shares in Imperial Tobacco and Millennium Chemicals, two of the demorged businesses of the Hanson conglomerate, to start trading at the bottom end of original forecasts when dealings begin today and tomorrow. Sentiment has been hit by a resurgent legal campaign waged by lung cancer sufferers and an increasingly difficult outlook for the chemical industry around the world.

One estimate yesterday suggested Imperial would today open in the range 365p to 375p. some way below last week's mervous about the legal moves. "grey market" price, Millennium, meanwhile, is trading at chief executive, yesterday dis-

around \$26 a share on a "when ssued", or grey-market basis, in New York, compared with hopes that the shares could be priced at up to \$35. Full trading in the US-listed stock is expected to begin tomorrow.

The biggest impact has been last Friday's news that 40 former smokers in the UK who suffer from cancer were preparing to launch a class action against Imperial. The move is a landmark in that it is the first to be pursued on a "no win, no fee" basis. US investors, who hold around 30 per cent of Hanson's shares, are thought likely to be

house prices had risen sharply, this was not a "damaging

Separately, a survey by Equitax the consumer credit in-

formation service, yesterday

showed that UK consumers

paid off their finance deals taster in the past three months

than a year ago. The Equifax

figures reflected suggestions

from many building societies

that borrowers were using low-

interest rates to pay off their

Nationwide's report suggest-

ed that property transactions

had risen in recent months.

while buyers had found more

properties on the market to

match their surge in demand. In turn this had relieved pres-

sure on prices. Mr Williamson

said: "The exceptional rate of growth seen in recent prices is

still struggling to find a buyer.

Although confidence is much

improved, the debt overhang of

the early 1990s may continue to

dampen existing homeowners'

from FirstMortgage, a tele-

phone lender, whose survey of

borrowers showed that more

than 70 per cent did not believe

prices would rise beyond 3 per cent, barely above inflation, in

Backing for this view came

aspirations.

Poor-quality properties are

unlikely to be sustained.

home loans at a faster rate.

missed the case as a continuation of one of several which had been mounted against the company since 1992. "We have great confidence in the strength of our defence. We will defend the claims with great vigour," he said. The situation had not changed, as far as Imperial was

concerned, he said. One analyst claimed, however, that the move "will affect the receptiveness of the market to Imperial". He suggested the issue, which has dogged tobac-co companies operating in the US since the 1950s, could become a bigger factor for Imperial in the future.

Meanwhile, investors are not year. expected to be particularly wel-

coming towards Millennium, which has seen prices peak in the market for its chemicals used in the plastics industry. Heavy selling by UK institutions which do not want to be exposed to the US stock market is also likely to affect the price.

One observer said: "I don't think North American commodity chemicals are massive ly in vogue at the moment. The technical position is also adverse at the moment and will remain adverse for some time." He cited the selling which took place after US Industries, a heavilyindebted grouping of American businesses was floated off last

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Rise in house prices may slow

boom".

NIC CICUTTI

The upward surge in the property market showed no sign of abating vesterday as Nationwide Building Society released figures showing that house prices rose by 1.4 per cent in September. The society's monthly index

also indicated that over the past 12 months prices had risen by 6.7 per cent, well ahead of original expectations and the largest year-on-year rise since 1989, when the market coliansed.

Average property prices across the UK, at £54,334, are at their highest since August 1991. Nationwide's report is expected to be similar to a survry by Halifax Building Society. which is out today. This is likely to show a buoyant market, although prices may not rise by the same amount.

Philip Williamson. Nationwide's corporate development director, said he did not believe the rapid growth was likely to survive much longer.

The apparent strength of house prices in recent months continues to reflect distortions caused by shortages of quality properties in certain sectors of the market." he said. "[These] are giving a short-term boost to prices while severely limiting

He said, however, that while the next 12 months.

IN BRIEF

 Unilever said it would combine the businesses of its Thomas J Lipton and Van den Bergh Foods companies in the US, creating a subsidiary with annual sales of \$3bn (£1.9bn). The move came as a result of a study initiated in June and would enable Unilever to "compete more effectively by becoming a more efficient and profitable business," said Richard Goldstein, Unilever North American Foods chief executive. Unilever will formulate a detailed plan for the more as her Christopes. a detailed plan for the merger by Christmas.

 Senior Engineering has agreed to sell its Thermal Engineering division for £28.5m. The business is being bought by Thermal Engineering International, a new company financed by, among others. Citicorp Venture Capital and interests connected to the family of Richard Grogan. In the 1995 year, Senior said the Thermal Engineering division made £1.6m of operating profits on turnover of £118.8m, but ran up a loss of £237,000 on sales of £60.7m in the half year to June.

 Granada Sky Broadcasting, the joint-venture pay-TV service, launches today with seven new channels, including Granada Plus, a nostalgia channel featuring programmes from the Granada and London Weekend Television libraries. The service will be available to BSkvB's 3.8 million dish subscribers and to some cable customers. However, Telewest, the country's largest cable operator, said last night it was still committed to canvassing its subscribers before agreeing to carry the service.

• September M0 in the UK rose by 0.2 per cent, roughly in line with economists' forecasts, and took the annual increase of notes and coins in circulation to 7 per cent. UK final M4 money supply was up 1 per cent in August from July.

 Barclays is to inject 31bn yen (£177m) into its subsidiary BZW Securities (Japan) to support its growth and increase its presence on the Japanese government bond market.

 Rolls-Royce said its joint venture with Mersey Docks and Harbour had won a \$155m (£99m) port terminal contract in Argentina. The contract is to operate, maintain and develop an iron ore and coal bulk import terminal and steel products export terminal at San Nicolas, on the River Parana 150 miles north of Buenos Aires, on behalf of steel company Siderar.

 The Office of Fair Trading is inviting comment by 14 October on whether the acquisition by Stagecoach Holdings of Hyndburn Transport, based in Lancashire, qualifies for investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.



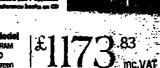


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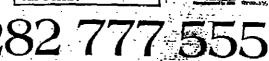


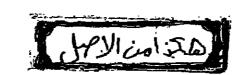
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Dettori's winning streak may cost bookmakers £30m

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It was not quite the crash that alone. Stanley's shares closed stock market pundits had been 7p lower at 235p. expecting. Instead of dealing room floors, the drama of 'Black Saturday" was played popular jockey Frankie Dettori created turf history by riding all seven winners on the card at accumulated odds of over 25,000-1, leaving bookmakers

to nurse record losses. Like the death toll from an earthquake, estimates of the damage done to the betting in-Hill, closed 1p higher at 3.5p. dustry rose almost by the hour. Before the stalls opened on another week's trading, analysts reckoned the bookies had been stung for £10m, with ABN-Amro Hoare Govett suggesting Ladbroke, Britain's biggest bookmaker, was in for £2.5m. But those figures soon looked like wishful thinking after Stanley Leisure, a smaller player, issued a Stock Exchange statement saying Det-tori's win had cost it £2.25m

By early afternoon, estimates of the total hit had soared to £30m, with William Hill, owned by Brent Walker, £8m out of pocket and Bassowned Coral £4m poorer as a result of Dettori's winning streak. Shares in Bass ended 5.5p off at 779.5p but Brent Walker, buoyed by a deal with GrandMet that settled a long-

Ladbroke was still counting its losses last night but through gritted teeth a spokesman said Dettori's achievement was good news for the industry in the long run as it had raised the profile of racing. Ladbroke's shares finished 2.5p higher at

MARKET REPORT PATRICK TOOHER

shares fell 0.25p to just 0.75p after reporting increased loss- 538.5p. Analysts said the share

Utilities were also under the whip as political worries resurfaced. Investors took fright over fears, reiterated yesterday in Blackpool by the shadow chancellor, Gordon Brown, that an incoming Labour government would im-pose a windfall tax on the pri-vatised monopolies. Electricity and water shares were hardest 209.5p.

A reminder of the havoc caused to the betting industry by the National Lottery, rather than Dettori, came from bookmakers Surrey Group, whose

price slide was prompted by concerns that the tax might be up to £10ba.

Away from the utilities, the stock market ended the third quarter on a quiet but positive note amid selective buying of other blue chips. The FT-SE 100 index reversed an early 12point loss to end the day up 7.3 Shares in GKN rose 21p to

1121.5p on news of the engineering and automotive components group's £100m contract to sell the German government seven Super Lynx helicopters.

239.5p, also benefited from contract news. It has formed a port on the progress of talks becompany and its umn on Saturday, shares in joint venture with the overseas Matthew Clark, still recling

consultancy arm of Mersey Docks & Harbour to land a \$155m (£100m) contract to from the alcopop wars, enjoyed a rare day in the sun, rising 19p to 337.5p on talk that Guinness run a port terminal in Armight soon make a bid. The regentina for the next 12 years. covery came despite the cider maker reportedly dismissing However, shares in Mersey Docks marked the first anniversary of a bitter dispute bethe story as "equivalent to a ru-mour that B52 bombers have tween the company and 329 sacked dockers by sinking 14p to 370p. There were ugly been found on the moon". News that UK Active Value scenes yesterday as a group of 20 demonstrators occupied

the roof of the company's

headquarters in Liverpool but

Mersey Docks said the port continued to work normally. Mersey's shares have fallen by

the fund run by Julian Treger and Brian Myerson, had picked almost 8 per cent of Kenwood pushed shares in the household appliance maker
11p higher at 218.5p.
Shares in Burger King franchisee and motor dealer
Gowrings raced ahead 16p to

100p, or than a fifth, since the dispute began. Elsewhere in the transport 92.5p after Guinness Peat said sector, shares in Eurotunnel it hoped to make a recomwere suspended at 113.5p at mended offer of not less than 90p. Guinness Peat is already Gowrings' biggest sharehold-er with a 14 per cent stake. the start of trading and are likely to remain so until a French court gives its reaction to a re-

umn on Saturday, shares in Goodwin moved sharply higher after the tiny foundry business reported a surprise 800 per cent profits advance to just over £2m. Shareholders get a special "loyalty" divi-dend, making a 17.94p total against 0.655p. The shares soared to 105p from 60.5p on the news and have climbed from 33p since March.

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Ammex gained 3.5p to 58.5p. The oil and gas group has placed some 6.9 million shares, or 15 per cent of its enlarged share capital with the International Finance Corp, at 57p. The IFC, the equity arm of the World Bank, is also granting Aminex a \$17m unsecured loan facility. The funding will belp Aminex finance development of the Kirtayel oilfield oilfield off Tunisia.

Prices are in sterling except where stated. The yield is lest year's dividend, grossed up by 20 per cent, as a percentage of the share price. The procelearnings (P/E) ratio is the share price divided by last year's earnings per share, excluding exceptional items.

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Revised deal could Imperial emerges in good shape end stalemate on Refuge merger

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Refuge's planned £1.4bn merger with United Friendly, which has been bogged down for weeks over rows with institutional shareholders, appeared to be making some progress towards a conclusion last night.
Britannic and Prudential,

which have 10 per cent and 6 per cent stakes respectively in Refuge, said they would back a revision to the deal that resolves a dispute over the value of socalled orphan assets.

Orphan assets - a surplus on life funds - are a common problem for insurance companies, both in terms of valuation and in attributing ownership to

Refuge now plans to issue a new security which aims to put a value on the orphan assets. Each Refuge shareholder will receive three new securities for every one Refuge share, which will be convertible into ordinary shares of United Assurance the intended name of the merged company.

However, a shadow is still cast over the merger by Perpetual, the fund manager and a big shareholder in Refuge, which says it has yet to make up its mind about the revised deal. Neil Woodford, a senior fund

manager at Perpetual who robustly objected to the original merger terms, was unavailable for comment yesterday.

While he was said to be encouraged by Refuge's new ap-proach to the orphan assets, he apparently still harbours some reservations. Sources close to Perpetual said he would probably make a firm decision on whether or not to sanction the revised deal later this week.

Paul Dayus, assistant investment manager at Britannic. said he had always understood the logic of the merger. "We believe these new terms ... have addressed a potential prob-



Confident: John Cudworth believes the merger can go ahead

John Cudworth, chief executive of Refuge, said the new special securities would have a life time of six years which could be extended for another two years.

"I am confident that the issue of the new security satisfies the concerns raised by our major shareholders and I look forward to the completion of the

merger," Mr Cudworth said. The new securities will not be listed but will transferable and Mr Cudworth thought it was possible that some of the large market makers may be prepared to make a market in the shares. per cent.

Refuge, which has so far had only a tiny amount of acceptances for the deal, will call an extraordinary general meeting for later this month to vote on the merger and the issue of the new securities.

Most of United Friendly's shareholders have accepted the

Refuge's interim results, also released yesterday, showed ordinary periodic premium business rose 14 per cent in the first half of 1996, reaching £7.9m. Industrial business, though, fell 6.1

stock market today after a 10-year absence has been marked by something less than fanfare. News of the separate listing of Imperial and its three Hanson stablemates has done nothing for the shares of its erstwinle parent, which have slumped 26 per cent since the four-way

demerger was announced in January. The first day's trading in the shares was marred by Friday's announcement that 40 former smokers are saing Imperial Tobacco, claiming it failed to warn sufficiently about the links between smoking and cancer. Up to now, the UK's second biggest cigarette group has got off lightly in the US linigation scares. That said, for the politically incorrect

investor Imperial has plenty to recommend it. Despite claims that Hanson bought companies as an asset-stripping exercise, Imperial is in fine shape after 10 years within the conglomerate's sage machine. Capital expenditure has run at over 150 per cent of depre-ciation in the past five years and the group is regarded as one of the most efficient cigarette producers in the world, with operating margins approaching 50 per cent. A further £35m three-year investment programme in ultra high wiscturing and packing equipment is half completed.

Admittedly, the demands of investment have not been particularly onerous for a group whose already prodigious profits are almost entirely converted to cash. In 1995, for instance, despite paying out £25m on capital investment and tax, the group generated cash of £346m out of operating profits of £348m. In future, the group will face a rapidly escalating tax charge and will labour under £1.06bn of debt loaded on as part of the demerger terms. That will take some time to clear, but pro forma interest cover for 1994-95 remains a comfortable 4.7 times.

Investors may find more reasons to fret in the over-ripe state of the UK tobacco market, into which 90 per cent of Imperial's sales are made. Cigarette consumption has been sliding gently at 2 per cent a year over the past four years under the impact of the Government's duty increases. In cigars and handrolling tobacco the slump is running at 6 and 10 per cent a year.

But having been knocked off its perch at the top of the UK market by Gallaher, it has recovered strongly since 1990, bouncing back from a share of under a third to 38 per cent now, within two points of the leader. The key to future success lies in breaking into Europe and developing markets overseas, particularly the Far East, where BAT has blazed the trail. On an opening share price of around

The return of the Imperial name to the stock market today after a 10-year THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

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IMPERIAL TOBACCO : AT A GLANCE

375p, Imperial stands on a forward multiple of under 9, based on BZW's forecast profits of £335m for the current year. With a forecast yield of 7.3 per cent, they are worth holding.

Chez Gérard is beefed up

It's been quite a year for Groupe Chez Gérard. A flurry of acquisitions that have more than doubled the size of the company and demanded a massive re-furbishment programme, the return of bombs to its central London heartland and a collapse in the public's confidence in beef, one of the unashamedly car-

nivorous group's staples.

To have increased profits by 23 per cent to £2.86m and earnings per share by 28 per cent to 10.8p in those circumstances is an impressive performance. Share-holders were rewarded by a 17 per cent jump in the dividend to 2.8p and a 6p rise in the share price to 242.5p.

Chez Gérard appears to have pulled off that most difficult of tricks, bring-

Operating profits (Em)

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T pro forma "RZW estimate

UK cigarette market share

ing the economies and efficiencies of a chain to a group of individualistic and (reasonably) upmarket restaurants. The plan is to double again in the next three years, as they have in the three since flotation, while retaining the

restaurants' character. The investment case for Groupe Chez Gérard hangs on three main vari-ables. Will the economic background remain favourable, will the trend towards eating out continue and does the company have the resources, financial

and management, to benefit fully?

There would appear to be plenty of evidence of rising consumer confidence, at least in the short term, and figures from the Henley Centre suggest a social sea change is occurring that will see us spend a much larger proportion of our disposable income on eating out than we ever have done before. We still lag way behind France and the US.

As for management, the appointment of a new, full-time finance director is a sensible step forward, as is that of a new general manager for the Chez Gérard brand. With only nine restaurants, all within London, this is still a manageable company - even

twice as big, it would not stretch the current team too thinly.

On the basis of forecast profits of £3.4m this year and £4.1m next time, the shares stand on a prospective price/earnings ratio of 19, falling to 15. Compared to other companies in the sector, and measured against a growth rate of more than 20 per cent a year, that is not too demanding and the shares remain good value.

Oasis shares are proving fertile

Oasis Stores has been a storming investment since floating last year. Placed at 148p in June, the women's fashion chain's shares have comfortably doubled, even after yesterday's 13.5p dip to 392.5p. The group appears to have overcome its legal difficulties with former owners Graham and Edwina Brown and is thriving on an increas-

ingly successful trading formula.

Pre-tax profits came close to doubling in the 26 weeks to July, rising from £2.61m to £5.19m in the period, with earnings per share up a third to 6.47p

from a pro forma figure of 4.8op.

The figures were driven by new shops and healthy like-for-like sales growth of 10 per cent. Over the year to July, the group had opened 22 more stores, including concessions, raising the to-tal to 92, with a further eight added since the period end. But even with most of those outlets being in the UK, Oasis believes there are still at least 50 suitable sites where the group is not represented in the domestic market. Overseas, it has just begun to scratch the surface in Germany and in the Gulf.

But all of this frenetic activity would hardly be justified without a strong underlying market, and it would appear that, so far, Oasis has hit the mark. The underlying 10 per cent growth has continued into the first eight weeks of the new year and brokers are looking for profits to jump from £9.87m to £14.3m in the full year. That puts the shares on a heady p/e of 22.

The market may be right to be cautious. The company is looking at diversifying its distribution and is talking to potential partners about the Internet and mail order. But that will not be enough if the notoriously fickle youth market at which Oasis aims is suddenly turned off its designs. Just conceivably, Sears may be tempted to bid, given its ownership of the Warehouse chain, a former vehicle of the Bennett brothers who now run Oasis. but the shares are high enough.

Rank sells its engineering interests for £72m

MAGNUS GRIMOND

Rank Organisation, the Butlins to Hard Rock Cafe group, yes-terday kicked off its planned £300m disposal programme with the £72m sale of Rank Precision Industries, an engineer-

which Rank agreed to buy last week in a £1 13m deal, athough

they will initially be used to reduce borrowings. Rank's shares added 1p to 428p yesterday.

The four businesses grouped under Rank Precision Industries are being sold to Schroder Ventures, the venture capital armof Rank's merchant banking ading group.

The proceeds will help pay for two management buy-in teams for the deal. The consideration comprises form in cash and comprises £63m in cash and

The sale follows the shake up of the business instigated by Andrew Teare, who took over as chief executive earlier this year. As well as laying the groundwork for the sale of its £1bn-plus stake in the Rank Xerox copier group, Mr Teare

last month unveiled plans to dis-pose of £300m of peripheral assets over the next two years. He said yesterday: "Our strategic review in August clear-

ly identified Rank's focus on that a £75m buyout led by a for factures telecine equipment leisure retailing and film and entertainment services. RPI's engineering businesses do not fit within this strategy."

There was no news yesterday of progress on the sale of the other operations earmarked for sale, which include the Shearings holiday coach firm and Kingston Plantation, a US holiday business. Rank would make no comment on reports lighting, Cintel, which manu-

mer director, Angus Crichton-Miller, was the preferred bidder for Shearings.

Yesterday's sale involved four businesses which are said to hark back to Rank's days as a film maker. RPI comprises Taylor Hobson, a maker of precision measuring equipment, Strand Lighting, involved in theatrical and studio

and the electronic display products division of Brimar. The digital projection business, formerly part of Brimar,

Taylor Hobson, Cintel and Brimar are to form a new group, Precision Instruments. which will be headed by Phil Tempest. Strand is to form a separate £21m deal led by Jim

with a strong order book, a well balanced portfolio of products is not being sold. and services and the best list of prospects we have ever enjoyed."

Celsis International, the specialist in rapid microbial testing for the quality assurance market, launched an £11.1m rights issue yesterday to fund the proposed £11.2m acquisition of Lumac, another microbial testing company. At the end of August Lumac had net assets of £2.65m and made profits before tax of £1m in the year to that date. The 3 for 20 cash call is underwritten by Panmure Gordon at 100p a share. Celsis's shares closed 1p lower at 112p.

Shares in computer group DCS jumped 28p to 225.5p yester day after a leap in profits for the year to June from £610,000 to £2.37m. Earnings per share increased by 66 per cent to 8.31p and

the board is recommending a final dividend of 1p, making 1.5p

for the year. Robin Lodge, chairman, said: The three legs of our business are now well established and the integration of the man-

agement teams is complete. The current year has begun very well

 Stuart Wallis, former chief executive of Fisons, will become chairman of Yorkshire Group from 1 October. He replaces Philip Lowe, who has been chairman since 1987. Michael Greenhalgh, group managing director, said: "Stuart Wallis has a proven track record in the development and implementation of global business strategies. We are especially pleased to have secured his services."

• Personal Number Company, which provides a call forwarding service so that individuals or businesses can keep one phone number even if they move, jumped to a big premium on its first day of dealings on the Alternative Investment Market. Placed at 66p, the shares valued the company at £10.2m, well below initial expectations of about £15m. The shares closed at 101.5p.

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Beautose Corp (I)	67.88m (67.88m)	3.89m (3.16m)	6.85p (6.23p)	5.35p (4 84p)
Class Brothers (F)	- (-)	45.11m (33.96m	(24.8p (22.3pp)	10.0p (8.5p)
Community Hasp (F)	69.61m (63.43m)	10.7m (8.5m)	21.8p (17.9p)	10 Op (8.8p)
inehcape (1)	3.16bn (3.13bn)	75.3m (18.6m)	7.3p (-2.4p)	5.25p (7.50p)
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Regest lans (F)	31.77m (22.0m)	8.01m (4.43m)	8.8p (5.1p)	2.2p (1.4p)
Szboli (1)	119.4m (109.7m)	-21.9m (11.8m)	-31.6p (10.0p)	3.0p (2.8p)
\$46 (I)	115.8m (117.4m)	14.22m(12.05m)	9.6p (10.2p)	2.4p (2.2p)
Trace for (1)	113.9m (106.2m)	4.51m (3.1m)	3.1p (2.3p)	0.8p (0.7p)
T&S Stores (I)	248.4m (216.5m)	8.78m (8.06m)	8.36p (8.35p)	3.0p (2.8p)
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TV luminaries wish Bottomley would keep her appointments

portfolio for £1.1bn Britannia Building Society yes-terday bought a £1.1bn mort-gage portfolio from Citibank, customers whose mortgages it now owns in the the US bank, expanding its overall mortgage book to

Britannia buys loan

£10bn, writes Jill Treaner. "It's a big book. It's got val-ue for our members," said Trevor Bayley, finance director of the Britannia, declining to disclose the how much the society had paid for the

He said said it was one of the society's largest deals and did not rule out further acquisitions. "If we see a transaction which · looks like good value we would .. consider it."

However, he noted, there are few other mortgage port-folios of this size for sale on the market. Citibank customers will not notice immediately any difference to the way their mort-gages are handled. Britannia

next few weeks to inform them how their mortgages will be administered.

The mortgages cover a range of properties throughout the country and the loans range from variable rate to special loans for customers with small deposits and fixed-rate deals. Citibank Customer Bank is

left with £500m of mortgages in its portfolio, which it intends to The mortgages it sold to Brionly use Citibank for their mort-

gage and no other service.
This transfer brings our UK mortgage business into line with our global strategy," said Meredith Williams, UK execu-

On Tuesday 8th October, BT introduce a telephone table everyone will appreciate.

THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER ..

Virginia Bottomley is not winning any friends in television circles, if last week's events are anything to go by. The National Heritage Secretary invited a group of television luminaries to her offices last Wednesday, asking them to bring along their "wish lists" for what the government should do for the

broadcasting sector. The time was set at 5.30 and broadcasting notables such as Bruce Gyngell of Yorkshire Tyne Tees, Nigel Walmsley of Carlton and Steve Morrison of Granada Media turned up on the dot.

Mrs Bottomley, sadly, did not. She arrived at 5.50, spent another five minutes fussing around trying to find an underling to join the throng, and then announced she would have to leave within 10 minutes for another en-

The wish lists never even made it out of the guests' lapel pockets. Mrs Bottomlev devoted the entire 10-minute "meeting" to a finger wag-ging lecture about digital

The new "Big Cat" logo at the legal firm Osborne Clarke has caused a bit of a "to-do" among M'Learned Friends. Osborne Clarke's is one of the few legal practices to have a logo of any sort. And Leslie Perrin, a senior partner, was keen on the designer's Panther-style image because it represented something differ-ent. "Most law firms are still into quill pens and geezers in-wigs," he said. "It is as if longevity and tradition are all they are prepared to sell. Well, we were founded in 1720 but we think that speaks

for itself. We wanted some-

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Top hats and white ties: Chez Gérard's management trio step out to promote Scotts

But the "Big Cat" image immediately sparked a wave of "Pat Cat" jokes. Mr Perrin was sent five cans of cat food every day for a week as well as a steady flow of mail, complimentary and otherwise. The cat food will not go to waste. Mr Perrin has eight cats after one of his moggies presented him with six kittens the other week.

Management at Group Chez Gérard, the London restaurant group, put on the glad rags yesterday to promote the relaunch of Scotts, the Mayfair restaurant, which reopens next month.

Neville Abraham and Lau-rence Isaacson donned top hat and white tie for the photos. The new finance director, Clare Whitley, was asked thing that was more modern." I to sport the same kit too.

"It's one way of getting her in trousers," Mr Isaacson said.

Dress size news from Oasis, man stores to accommodate the fuller figure of the Teu-tonic fraulein. The new size has since been introduced in

In Taiwan, however, the company has had to include in a bit of garment "downsiz-ing" or "shrinkage". There, the smaller Oriental physique has required smaller sizes to be added to the range.

Cantor Fitzgerald recorded a convincing victory in the Reuters City Sevens rugby challenge in Richmond on

the women's fashion chain led by Michael and Maurice Bennett. The company has had to "go up a size" in its new Ger-16 has proved successful and the UK stores too.

such as Cantor scoring 52 points against Ernst & Young. The event raised £8,000 for Sparks, the children's charity, and even Ernst & Young salvaged something from the wreckage of their afternoon. They went on to win the plate for firstround losers. The event oraniser, ex-Hoare Govett

Sunday. The Cantor team,

which included two Harle-

quins players, thumped last

year's winners, Lloyd's of London, 33-19 at the Rich-

mond Athletic Ground in

tors watched humiliations

broker Keith Shepherd, declared the event a triumph. "It was the first time in 15 turned up."

Time to change the rules of the fiscal game

ne of the oddities about finance ministers is that they never say that one rather cowed by President Clinton's poll lead, has a deal which of their aims is to increase the national debt. But virtually all of them do it.

There are nearly 200 countries who have sent finance ministers to Washington for the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank. Only a handful (on a quick tally, fewer than 10) ran a budget surplus last year. The most important single thing that finance ministers do is to set the appropriate balance between taxation and public spending. By their own stan-

dards, virtually all fail.
When people do the opposite of what they say you can call them hypocrites. But that is a touch unfair. What is wrong is surely not so much human failure, though there's enough of that, but system failure. Something is very wrong with the way that tax and spending policies are determined throughout the developed world. It is an issue of enormous importance and if you want to choose a time when it has come to a head, this is the moment.

have been budgets, proposed or agreed, in four of the group of seven countries: the US, Germany, France and Italy. All had deficits, but all produced budgets which, in theory at least, cut those deficits.

Fiscal "responsibility" is the mood of the hour. These cuts are taking place for different

a leading Republican, Bob Liv-ingstone, called a downsizing of government. For the first time in modern history, we have reversed the course of government. We have begun down-

What is wrong is not human failure, but system failure

The three European countries have all cut their deficits to try to meet the Maastricht requirements, although not very credibly in the case of

France and Italy. As for the other group, expect quite sharp tightening in Japan next year and, to judge by Kenneth Clarke's comments in Washington, a respectable further cut in the UK deficit come November.

So everyone's tightening. If you want to see a parallel. think about the mood of monetary policy in the early 1980s. Everyone agreed that something had to be done about the inflationary explosion of the 1970s and gradually, painfully, order was restored. Through the 1980s a set of guidelines was established that countries could use to maintain monetary discipline: money supplied targets; inflation targets; greater independence for central banks, and so on. Now the same is happening to fiscal pol-



ECONOMIC VIEW HAMISH McRAE

cealed or ignored. Changes

are being made to try to im-

prove this in a number of

countries, the UK included.

But the fact remains that coun-

tries are run with a set of ac-

counts that would disgrace a

medium-sized commercial

company, let alone a multi-

Two changes in particular are needed. One is to have figures

for unfunded liabilities; things

to which a government is com-

mitted but which do not appear in current spending. These

What are these rules? The balance sheet liabilities conlearning process has only just begun. The IMF has just set up a working party to look at the usefulness of various types of fiscal rules but this has yet to report. Still you can see some of the ideas that are around.

The place to start is decent and honest public accounts. Budgets are still drawn up on a year-by-year basis with maybe some projection for the next three or four years, projections which frequently turn out to be over-optimistic. Capital spending and current spending are frequently confused, and offmulti-year budgets so that peo-ple can see the long-term con-sequences of decisions that are taken now. Once there are decent ac-

counts you can start to think of rules. These could be self-imposed on a country-by-country basis rather in the way that Gordon Brown has proposed some rules for the future Labour chancellor. Or they could be imposed by some external bodies like the European Union.

The EU is now debating the form that discipline might take on member governments that ran excessive fiscal deficits post-European Monetary Union. But both these ideas are unsatisfactory. There's nothing stopping a government breaking its own rules. And if the Maastricht convergence critefor a country that happened to break the diktat of the EU bureaucrats. But something has to

be done. In the case of monetary pol icy what has happened is that, to some extent, decision-making has been taken away from politicians. It's been passed to

Governments should not have the right to run large deficits

more-or-less independent central banks and, in practice, also to the world's financial markets. I suspect that the same sort of process will take place over

liabilities. The other is to have idea of European Union fines the next 20 years or so with fiscal policy.

Countries might establish some kind of independent body which would oversee the budgetary process. Other bodies might look at segregating social security funds so that these funds were free from po-litical interference. It would not be possible for a government to raid people's savings to deliver tax cuts, even though those savings were merely part of a general social security

contributions budget. The markets will help too, for the more that responsible fiscal policy becomes the fashion, the more the markets will punish governments that run large deficits by whacking up long-term interest rates. The IMF may, at the margin, also help by sketching some kind of

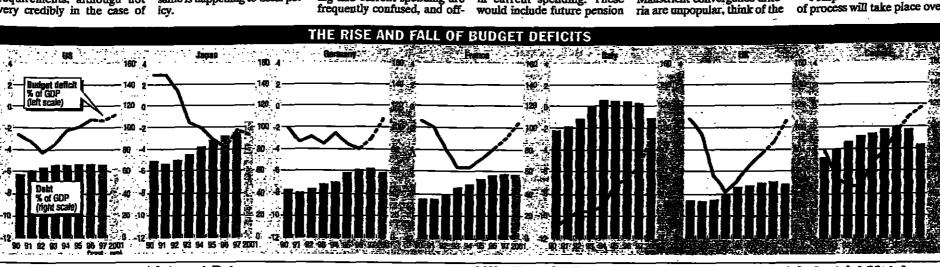
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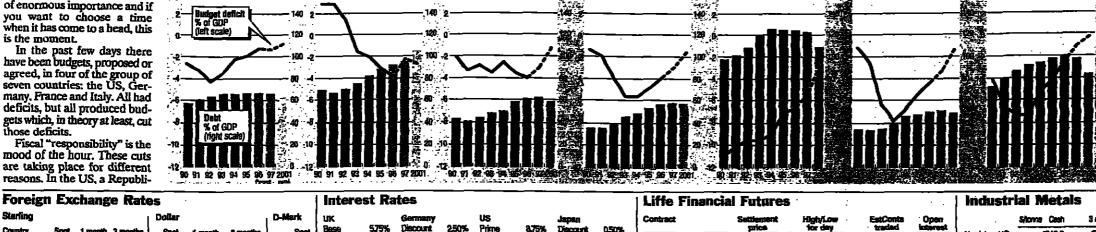
But maybe the biggest change has to be in social attitudes about the proper extent and role for elected govern-

We will come to think of government as not having the right to run large deficits: this is something which ought not to be part of the political process, just as we regard politicians now as not having the right to interfere with the iudicial process. Wise politicians will recognise this and re-

spect it. Evidence that such a seachange has begun? It is thin, I admit. But we, and I mean the whole developed world, not just the UK, can't go on as we are.

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Dettori closes in on Arc partner

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All precautions were being taken yesterday to prevent the unthinkable prospect that Sunday's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe might take place with the man of the moment, Frankie Dettori, watching from the sidelines. The participation of his regular mount, Classic Cliche, remains in serious doubt and the list of

alternative rides is a brief one. Classic Cliche missed a gal-Classic Cliche missed a gal-lop on Sunday after looking dull

My Emma, who won the Prix Vermeille over the Arc's course in his coat and a verdict on and distance on her most recent

rope's most important race was due to be made after the colt cantered yesterday morning. Now the decision has been deferred leaving Details and the content of the race by her small Newmarket stable. The cost would be £52,000, roughly half her earnings from the paces over 10 furlongs under took the Niel in good style. Matty Cowing, with the problem of ensuring that his man is not left behind when the other possible rides are snapped up.
"We've been offered the ride

on Khalid Abdullah's Sunshack, Rae Guest rang this morning about My Emma and John Gosden's Tamure is still in the race," Cowing said last night.

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Spilio (Newmarket 1.30) NB: Chivakic (Newmarket 4,20)

quired if she is to produce her de Saint-Cloud.

Olivier Peslier, who was not took the Niel in good style hard on his mount once the Elie from Darazari, another of his ri-Lellouche charge had drawn up-sides the leaders. "Helissio gave vals on Sunday.

Dettori, meanwhile, has

Helissio, beaten just once in Vermeille, and the decision would have to be made on Thursday. Easy ground is reTwistay Easy ground is reTwistay Easy ground is reTwistay In the French Derby, has gamed his biggest wins in the BBC TV Sports Personality of the Year. Dettori has

in his coat and a verdict on whether he would run in Eu
The Arc favourite, Helissio, outing, would need to be sup
After the latter win in July, Steve Redgrave to 13-8 joint the Spanish-owned colt was second favourite with Damon came through his final piece of given a break and successfully

Bridgwater's decision to ride

predecessor at Nicholashayne,

Richard Durwoody. Widely de-

me a good feel and was very re-laxed," Peslier said. moved into another favourite's role following his seven-timer role following his seven-timer at Ascot on Saturday. He now relegated the Olympic rower

decision. At the same time, the

powerful Lambourn stable of

Kim Bailey, without a retained

rider after the departure of

Norman Williamson, could

NEWMARKET

trainer-jockey combination that took this prize 12 months ago. There is a question mark, howev-

er, whether this colt will appreci-

ate today's extra furiong on a much

stiffer track. Perhans the value lies

with each-way support for SWISS LAW, who seems sure to last this

seven furlongs well. Kieren Fallon's

mount was staying on strongly when second to Indiscreet at York.

2.05: Abou Zouz won the Gim

prove a source of rides.

mon, died in the fire, in which dozens more suffered injuries when they were allowed to roam free on the downs in order to escape the blaze which occurred in the middle of the night. Two horses are still undergoing treatment at Ridgeway Veterinary Horse Hospital in from the stable, including Gold Cup hope Banjo, and this may have influenced Bridgwater's

Lambourn.
Of the 26 horses still at the vard, which stables the Champion Hurdle winner Collier Bay, 10 are still being treated as walking wounded while the others are waiting for rain to bring softer ground before they return to the track.

Man held

in Old

fire case

A 42-year-old man has been ar-

rested on suspicion of arson in

connection with the fire that

claimed the lives of four hors-

es at Jim Old's stable two weeks

Swindon police yesterday

took a local man into custody

to question him about the cause

of the fire which ravaged a

Four horses, including the

high-class hurdler Backgam-

Castle in Wiltshire.

Stakes on fast ground at York six weeks ago and is sure to start at short odds to win this for the same



3.45: The French filly Pas De Re ponse is an interesting challenger but it is difficult to see past the un-

McCoy is Pipe's stand-in after Bridgwater resigns

Tony McCoy is likely to be the immediate beneficiary of David Bridgwater's decision to resign consideration now that Bridg-Although Pipe is now with
a permanent position with the inight and that was the first I'd get softer ground. If the likes of heard of it," Pipe said yesterday.

Although Pipe is now with
Exeter and Taunton this week recently removed his horses immediate beneficiary of David
Bridgwater's decision to resign
as first jockey to Martin Pipe.
McCoy, the champion Nationat Hunt jocket, will be asked to and Taunton this week.

The Ulsterman auditioned

1.30 Dear Life (nb)

ter just over one season.
The jockey's decision came as

ride Pipe's runners at Exeter a "total surprise" to the champion trainer, who learned of the resignation on Sunday just hours for the role of stable jockey at before Bridgwater issued a Nicholashayne a year ago when the job went to Bridgwater and "He phoned me at 5.45 last

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Smart Play (Mrs J Caci/9st5ib)	_ 5-1		9.2	5.1	54
Maiden Castle (J Gosder/Sst4b)	61		11-2	5-1 6-1 °	. 15 -7L
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HYPERION

GOING: Good to Firm. STALLS: Par side. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Right-hand course with 1m 2f straight. Rowley Mile course.

Rececourse is SW of town on A1304. Bus link from Cambridge and Newmarket stations. ADMISSION: Club 514 (16 to 25-year-olds 58); Grandstand & Paddock 510 (16 to 25-year-olds 56); Silver Ring 53. CAR PARK: Members 51; remainder free.

LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: H Ceell — 68 winners from 382 runners gives a success ratio of 24.1% and a loss to a 51 level stake of 56.02; J Goeden — 65 winners, 373 runners, 14.7%, -573.16; R Hannon — 50 winners, 580 runners, 8.87%, -5238.25; L Cumani — 34 winners, 286 runners, 11.9%, -5123.28.

■ LEADING JOCKETS: Pat Eddery — 120 winners, 525 tides, 22.9%, -54.56; L Dettor! — 75 winners, 529 rides, 14.2%, -£128.64; W Carson — 55 winners, 496 rides, 11.1%, -£77.99; W R Swinburn — 54 winners, 371 rides, 14.6%, -526.87.

BLINEERED FIRST TIME: None.
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: None.
LONG-DISTANCE RONNERS: Onele Echo (2.28) has been sen. 200 miles by J Bethell from
Middlebarn, N Yorks; Swine Lasv (2.05) sent 165 miles by J FinGerald from Norton, N Yorks.

1.30 NGK SPARK PLUGS RATED HANDICAP (CLASS B) £12,500

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and Doelbt faced a difficult task in the Park Hill Stakes at Doncaster and should be

Beyond Doebt faced a difficult task in the Park Hill Stales at Donaster and should be suiged on her helf-length second to Better Offer (winner on Sunday) at Ascot in July, Leading Spirt, a neck behind Beyond Doubt at Ascot, went on to win at Kempton, besting FIZZWILLIAM is length and a quarter, and there might not be much between those two. The lightly raced fizzwilliam has noon to improvement, though, and will get a strong doe from Richard Quinn, who won on him at Pomeiract. Martin Dwyer, who rode Fizzwilliam lest time, in on board Deer Life again following their clear-out win at Epsonn. Raised Stb, Deer Life will have to be better then ever to win but its a progressive Bly who seems sure to make her presence felt, along with Spillio, who finished well to catch Deurs close home over this journey at Donaster. Dear Life's trainer, Life's trainer, Life's cold, also him steamt Play who, like Malden Castle, tacked a conditions race at Donaster 13 days ago. Both were coming back from a lengthy lay-off but Smart Play had the stiffer task.

2.05 TATTERSALLS HOUGHTON SALES STAKES (CLASS B) £25,000 addled 270 7f Panelty Value £23,910 ABOU ZOUZ (USA) (41) (C) (Walic Said) D Loter 9.0

added 1m 4f Penalty Value £8,068

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3.10 NIGHTBIRD (nap) 3.45 Dazzle

get anyone else as most of my provide enough winners for better horses won't run until we Bridgwater to overtake McCoy French threat to Dazzle

-23 declared BETTING: 7-4 Anno Zonz, 7-1 Payon, 8-1 Sandetma, 10-1 Groom's Gordon, 12-1 Bandere, Bool Home Mone, 14-1 Blane Wader, Resemy's Pot, Rich in Love, Swiss Law, 16-2 officers
1995; Ro Dunde 2 9 0 L Detted 2-1 Ø Loder 30 pm
FORM GUIDE

Devid Loder and Frankle Dettod, who won this last year with Rio Duvida, can tollow up with ABOU ZOUZ, the Gimcrack Staless witner. Having won down Compton Piace at York, Abou Zouz kept on well enough to suggest he will stay the extra furing – but there is plenty of pace on the dam's side and any stamina limitations could well be exposed in what will be a truly-run race over a demanding seven furiongs, John Dunlop won this in 1993 with Furno Di Londra and has booked Pat Editory and Mick Minane for his two stong contendent, encourts Gordon and Sandistona. Lest time out, Groom's Gordon was fourth to Equal Rights in a Group Three race at the Curragh, while Sandistone had a good battle with the Royal Lodge third, Besiege, at Heydock Both states were over a mile. Prepaise was besten in a Listed gaze at Deauville in August – but only by three parts of a length, and has progressed with every race. Metandidar is similar to the 1994 winner, On Corleone, in that he won his malden first time out, and then ran in the Chartsey Lock Stales. Mulacidar was besten only a head and a neck by Falak and Captain Collins at Newbury. Reledencing, Beojden and Hisch In Love have planty of experience but Blane Walter might be the filly with the potential to make a race of it. Site won in good style on her debut at Kempton and surner-up Lockargil paid her a compliment by beating Corsin! at Ascot.

Selections: ABOU ZOUZ

235 SHADWELL STUD APPRENTICE SERIES FINAL (HANDICAP) (CLASS E) £10,000 added 1m 2f Peneity Value £7,295

- 14 deciment — 15 10th True handlags religions from Sull 7s; 5th, Double Echo 7s; 5th, BETTING: 7-1 Harvey Welte, 8-1 Courtle Aspect, Zidne, 9-1 Welte Fishes, 10-1 Vela Via, 21-1 Double Echo, 12-1 Siep Moft, Trick, 14-1 Manne Suld, Test Asct Pennines, 16-1 others: 1998: Guessimano 5 8 8-S Drosse 14-1 U Penney 19 on FORMS GUEDE

1996: Guestimano 5 8 8 S Drosse 14-1 LI Plannel 19 on FORMS CREENE.

There is no obvious reason why HARVEY WHITE should improve at this stage of the season, but the same was true of Guestimation, who won this for Jeff Peance last year. Harvey White's recent Vernpton win has not worked out badly (number-up Fean's Governor trotted up at Nottingham and third-placed, Urgant Swift, won at Redoar) and he is clearly a good trouzet for an apprentice, having besten 18 others for an inexperienced rider at Warwick in May. Yeak Vie has a chance as he best Hervy White just over two lengths in Step Consul's race at Warwick at 46 bester off. Jo Huzman went close to besting senior riders on ex-irish Operiant at Yammouth a fortnight ago, finishing third of 18 to Secret Aly on his first run for Chris Dayer, while White Plains is enjoying a successful season and won for the fourth time when inching our Eashath at Lingfield. Breathing down White Plains's neck at Lingfield was Printars Quall, far form out of it even though he is 28 worse off with Michael Bell's number. Trick faced a bough task first time in a handicap, the 17-numer race won by Cilton Fix at Domester. Although belan almost six lengths and off the stem merk today, he has more room for improvement than most. On her first run of the season, Miseas Gold was sixth of 19 behind Hazard A Guess in the competitive Rosebery Handicap at Kempton. Now 8th lower, the fifty is poised to repeat that good run if her recent outing behind Autumn. Cover at Goodwood is anything to go by.

3.10 EBF JERSEY LILY NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS C) £25,060 added 270 filles 7f Penalty Value £19,088

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namon) R Hannon 8 11

- 14 declared -1NC: 13-2 Maked Proor, Nighthiri, 7-1 Calections, Rose Cambrel, 15-2 State Quase, 5-1 Song 10-1 Yelemanis, 23-1 Man Hagler, 14-1 Medium Chimary, 16-1 others

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tired due to diabetes - the as a freelance mirrors that of his

best jockeys available in coming weeks. "There's no rush to

in today's Cheveley Park Stakes cess in the Guineas. at Newmarket

replacement and will use the

ly on this side of the Channel, Parrty Conference, the Tatter-Dazzle may face her most ar- salls Houghton Sales Stakes is duous challenge from the the only other contest to gain French filly, Pas De Reponse. live transmission.

year's 1,000 Guineas, has a Head stable that was successful straightforward opportunity to in this race with Ma Biche in maintain her unbeaten record 1982 and Ravinella in 1987. and pick up a Group One prize Both those fillies went on to suc-

Newmarket. In television coverage cur-Clearly the best juvenile fil-tailed because of the Labour

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DAZZLE, impressive when bearing Vex Star in the Windsor Castle Stakes at Royal Accot on her debut, looked cars special when landing the Cherry Hinton on the July Couse here autoparantly. She ethily quickened five lengths clear of Gosen Ridge, who had looked smert herself when winning a Newbury malden on her debut and who went on to win the Group Two Prix Robert Papin at Massons Laffitts. Whether Dazde will train on and what her best trip will be are unknown factors, but she holes all set for a Group One success today. Ocean Ridge, fourth to Mantowani in the Group One Heltz 57 Phoenix States at Leopardstown lest time, should reach the frame, but Mooselight Parmeties, in the Godolphin colours for the first two, may be the one to give Dazde most to Go. The irish River filly won her first two starts for John Dunlop, beating Queen Sceptre a length on the second occasion in a Ust-

4.20 EBF EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS MAIDEN STAKE (CLASS D) £7,000 added 270 1m Penetty Value £5,527
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7 HARK (Hamden Al Mejakhum) 8 Henbury 8 11
8 6 MCLUDE NE QUT (12) (W.) Gradey) J Parahave 8 11
9 2 JAINTY JACK (24) (A Marchett) L.Cumeni 8 11
10 MICHAEL VENTURE (IV Frank S B Chec) S Woods 8 11
11 PERCYTSLE Shelin Mohammad M Storie 8 11
12 ROYAL CROWN (R E Sangator) P Chapple Hyern 8 11
- 12 declared -
BETCHR: 4-1 Depart Horizon, 9-2 Catriantie, Cabatric, 11-2 Porcy Inje. 7-1 Park Grots, 8-1 Adm

Henry Cacif's jest two numers in this mile matien were lest year's winner Helicon and Arm who won on his debut in 1992 (he was not represented in between). So, with the Wis

Lass then tivee lengths covered Nightbird, halked Power, Slave, Sloven, Song Mist and Catactilism in a similar race at the St Lagar meeting and there will not necessarily be a great deal between them here. (Gambied-on in the same race was five line Dreen, previously numer-up to the smart Referendum at Goodwood. The south elimination might make a difference, but the longer top seems sure to suit Nightbird beening in mind she got up on the line at Doncaster. Naked Poser is 1th better off for a short head and has Pat Eddery on board, but Blues Queen is slightly worse off with both transis to her subsequent with Schamid Queen taking over-from an irresperience appreciation. but Frankle Dettorl switches to ROSE CARNIVAL, having won on Catachism at Newbury and thistied seventh on that 5th yr Town Moor. Rose Carnival belied Catachism's experience when beeten almost four lengths by the Gooden filly at Newbury but she had a nursely winner (Glosy Princess) behind when making the most of an easy opening at Thisk. Our Way's

ner (eggy) Filliacos) docume wind intendig the filliacos and eacy operating at their races at Yarmouth promises to be well above exchage, while amother that co Lady Godfen, who beet a huge field at York (Im) efter finishing second to B the July Course. Selection: RO	uid go well i: Bues Raver o
3.45 SHADWELL STUD CHEVELEY PARK STAKES (CLASS A) (Group 1) £60,000 added 270 filles of Pennity Value £68,309	

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		RATINGS	ı
1	12021	ARETHUSA (24) (II) (Lord Carranvon) R Harroon 8 11	ı
2	412	CARACTI (246) (30) (Mass. Joen Rood) R Boss 8 11	ı
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BETTING: 8-11 Duzzie, 8-2 Par De Reponse, 8-1 Montight Prendice. 8-1 Ocean Hide. 10-1 Arathum.

must time, may be the one of give Despite most to do. The high Piver Hay won her first two starts for John Dunlop, bearing Queen Soeptre a length on the second occasion in a tue-ded race at Newmarket. Although Queen Soeptre has a 50 pull, Moonlight Paradtes finished almost six lengths ahead when short-heeded by Seebe in the Princess Mangaret at According to the property of the princess mangaret at According to the property of the princess and the may well improve again. Plan De Reposses easily won a Group Three at Bry lest time but could manage only a three-length third bathrid Bathardan County and Ze-mander when taking on colts in the Group One Pink Morny at Desunfile previously. She smore experienced now and must go well.

7.20	(CLASS D) £7,000 added 2YO 1m Penalty Value £5,527	ł
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9	MICHAEL VENTURE (Dr Frank S B Chec) S Woods 8 11	ľ
1	PERCYTSLE (Sheich Mohammed) M Stocks 8 11	
2	ROUL CROWN (R E Sangase) P Chapple Hyern 8 11 Rela 7	ŀ
	-12 declared -	
ETUNE: 4-1	Depart Horizon, 9-2 Catalyshie, Calentric, 11-2 Porty Isle, 7-1 Dark Groter, 8-1 Atlas.	

olds going so well. CATCHABLE might be the answer, He is reported to have reurer user in suser resource consisters us week, he upon Cartain to well races \$650 belleting at her the Cecil-trained Harry Wolfan at Yennouth. Dank Genee holes useful, soo, judget on his third to Gretal at Sandown in a decent maiden. Jesunty Jeok's run, however, was in taky, so he is difficult to weigh up. Royal Crown is a well-regarded half-brother to Derby winner Dr Devous, and it is not difficult to imagine Desent Horizon and Royal Crown unring well for Frankier Dettort and Mick Kinens. Selection: CATCHABLE

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2.20 Rushen Raider 2.50 Candid Lad 3.25 Cross Cannon 3.55 Natable Exception 4.30 Superhoo 5.00 Canton Venture GOING: Good to Firm.

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Left-hand, undulating course. Easy fences and long run-in on classe course of 500rds.

Reseccourse is less than 1 mile south-west of town near junction of A089 and A177. Bus service from Stockton railway station (10 miles away) or Durham railway station (12 miles away). AD-MISSION: Paddock 58 (OAPs 54); Course 52. GAR PARKE Free. SIS RICHE

BLINDERED FIRST TIME: None.
BLINDERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE RUGNERS: The Bise Boy (3.25) has been LONG-DISTATULE EXPLORERS: The Blue Boy (3.25) has been sent on Haverfordwest, Dyfed; Tursent of Green (4.25) has been sent 260 miles by J King from Broat librion. Wilsshire; Danny Gale (2.20) & Herchedeal Broat librion sent 252 miles by G McCourt from Letcombe (4.50) have been sent 252 miles by G McCourt from Letcombe 2.20 STANLEY RACING GOLDEN NUMBERS SERIES NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) OPERA DAMENY GALE (17) 6 McCount 5 11.5. HETTHER: 5-4 Residen Relation, 2-1 Desay Gale, 9-2 Tight No. Mars, 8-1 Paper's Boy, 12-1 Role Gut The Reat, 59-1 Keesna

2.50 SATLEY PUNCH BOWL CLAMMING HURDLE (CLASS F) £3,000 added 2m 1f

3.25 (CLASS E) £5,000 added 2m 5f P42031 THE BLUE BOY (10) (D) P Bowen 8 11 0 A MicCoy E \$16475 CHAMMING BALF (116) Mas S Bactume 9 10 4 ..

3.55 SPITFIRE NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E)

4.30 KER NORTH EAST HANDICAP HUNDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 added 2m 9f 110yds 1 153-213 RED WALESMAN (17) (CD) G M Moons 5 12 0 — to recurred

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BETTING: 9-4 Red Valaries, 3-4 Superhoe, 7-2 Souths, 5-1 Tough Yest, 7
1 Freedow Flight, 12-1 Finiteck

5.00 HURRICANE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 1f 253-312 20045 LERT (27) (20) (26) 1 M Jefferson 6 11 5M Newton (7)
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BETTING: avens Cratica Venture, 7-4 Same Leat, \$-1 Rose Chicks, 13-5 Top Shipper, 18-1 Court Johns, 20-1 Satischi Mag



2.00: 1. SABRNA (1. Dettort) 7 / Sar. 2. Ti-grello 4-1; 2. Just Mok 15-2 - ma. 1½, 1½. (1. Baiding, Kingsciere) 22.90: £1.30, £1.80, £1.90. Dust 150.

Table: \$1.90; £1.90, £1.90, £1.30. Dual Fore-CHE: £17.40. CSP: £22.95. Tric: £24.90.

RACING RESULTS today). Placepot: £180.50. Quadpot: £8.60. Place 6: £48.62. Place 5: £30.29.

3.45: 1. MANFE, (N Nemech): 7-2; 2. Askern 13-5 for; 3. Arc of The Diver 8-1. 20 res. 5, 1%, (N Blog, Matton), Tyber 25.70; 51.30, 51.50, 51.50. Dual Forecast: £7.70. CSP. £8.93. Thio: £18.60.

Boy, sit-hd, 2, (Miss.) Bower Grantherth, Tales, £38.30; £4.40, £4.40, £5.10, £4.30. Duel Foreoset: £237.80, CSF. £297.30. Theest: £3,194.88. Trice £921.40 (part won, pool of £1_038_28 carried forward to New ings unchared.
Placepot: £443.30, Quadeot: £116.30.
Place 8: £341.89, Place 5: £266.09.

i earned a trip to Doncaster for next month's November Handicap, with another gutsy victory at Han yesterday. Trained by Stuart Williams at Newmarket, Ayunli made every yard of the running.

ers can catch up with the latest Ladbrokes go 5-1. 1,000 Guineas: Reams Of developments - best prices are in bold - in this sphere with The

Cambridgeshire Handicap; Centre Stalls is a top-priced 14-1 with Coral - Ladbrokes go 8-1 - while Sunday's Ascot win-

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Bookmakers' ante-post lists are brokes and the Tote go 9-2 racing's futures market. Read- while Darazari is 7-1 (Coral) -

Verse is an eye-catching 12-1 Independent's Tuesday service. (Tote) - Ladbrokes go 5-1 - after winning Sunday's Group One Fillies Mile at Ascot. Sleepytime, an unlucky third in that race, is 6-1 (Ladbrokes ner Annak Ajecb is 25-1 (Tote)

William Hill go 14-1 - but is recizoned a doubtful runner by Coral. Among the outsiders

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Amid all the changes that football has undergone in recent years, one of the most significant has been the growing involvement of women, who are playing an increasingly active role in all areas of the game. In the first part of a series reflecting the change, Guy Hodgson talks to two players about the increasing popularity of women's football

Bampton still has to break down barriers



mmd when you prepare to go to something like a women's football international between England and Spain at Tranmere Rovers. "Substandard" for one, "it's OK, but not like the real thing" another. And you would be wrong. Prenton Park is a very fine stadium

these days.

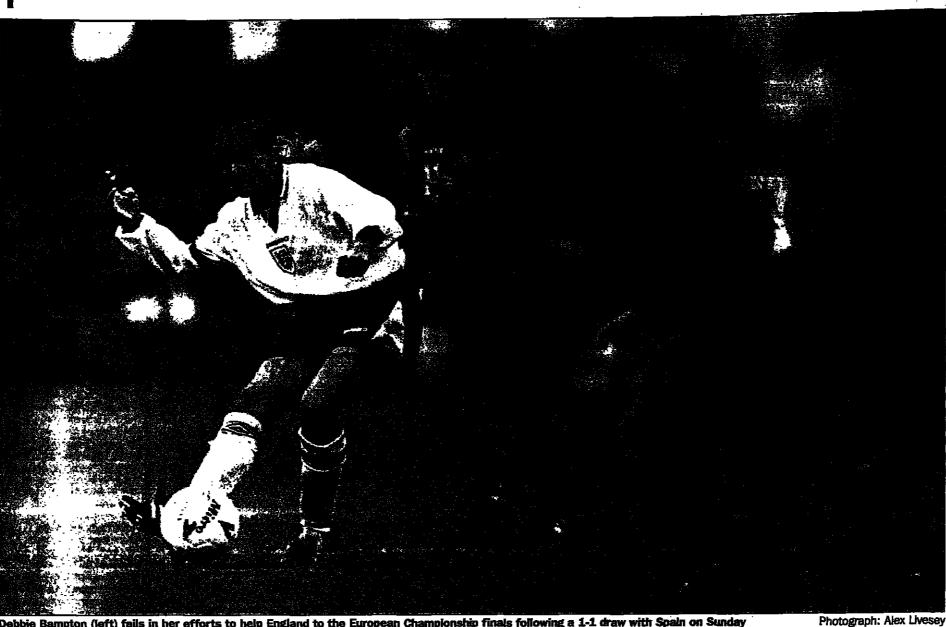
Women's football? It's fully accepted these days, isn't it? You had only to watch the Olympic final where 76,000 spectators went to Athens, Georgia, to realise how much the female game has become part of the sporting fabric. No one bats a cyclid when a woman puts on football boots these days. Or do they?

One of the first questions Debbie Bampton had to tackle after England had failed to reach the European Championship finals brought back the bad old days. "Do the girls wear support bras?" the interviewer before this one had asked, to which the response was a frosty "no comment." Given the accuracy that Bampton had displayed with her feet during the match, the questioner was lucky the reaction was not more violent.

"It was a female reporter, of all people," Bampton, the England captain, said, and the sexist questions I was asked was like going back in time. I got that 10 years ago. Blokes used to say: Women playing football - do you exchange shirts on the pitch?" and all that. But not now, imes have changed.

"To be a female footballer at international level you have to be dedicated, so some of the questions you are asked are laughable. We want to be treated as equals. We are sportswomen whether we are swimming, playing rughy, foot-

Few are better able to gauge the changing climate than Bamp-



Debbie Bampton (left) fails in her efforts to help England to the European Championship finals following a 1-1 draw with Spain on Sunday

ton. Now 34, she won the first of more than 80 caps as a 16 year old and her CV includes time with Arsenal and the Italian club Trani, while she is currently the player-manager of last season's Double winners, Croydon.

When she started out, female footballers were the next thing to freaks; that 4,500 people turned up at Tranmere on a foul afternoon shows the image - the odd reporter not withstanding has altered radically. As Bampton puts it: "When blokes ask me for an autograph these days, they really mean it."
The interest is growing at all

levels. Last year, there were 15,000 registered female players in England, compared with only 7.000 five years previously. Over the past 12 months, the number of clubs in the London area alone has gone up by 20 per

Bampton was almost born to the sport, as a football-mad father had a ball at her feet as soon as she could walk. She says she likes the competitiveness and the team element. "You saw by the way we played. It's not girlie-girlie stuff. The tackles are really going in. We're not as strong as the men, we never will

are as good as her." Bampton's one taste of full-

time football came in Italy, the rest of the time she has been an amateur, fitting in her pastime around a career. On Sunday, she got to her Kent home a midnight and had to be up at six yesterday morning for the lowpressure task of chauffeuring through the capital's traffic.

"In general, men don't have to do this because they can get a good standard of football in

the local park. There aren't so other commitments – I gave up many girls playing and we have to have a national league which car over here. When you were means every other weekend you are at Liverpool or somewhere paying out of your own money. As a player and a manager I have seen it from both sides of the fence and the girls

are so dedicated. You look at the Olympic final and the standard was very high, but those girls are professionals. I was full-time in Italy and it made a huge difference. I became much more comfortI was earning the same sort of vage as I was in this country."

How does she see the women's game 10 years from now? "I wish I could be positive," she replied, "but for so many years we've been promised we're going to do this, we're going to do that so' I am a bit sceptical.

We have to work even harder than other countries because able with the ball. I was only we're so far behind. I only hope there for a season because I had the Football Association can

21 team together, because unless we get the youth policy right I can't see us catching up."

Domestically, the Premier-

quickly get an England Under-

ship is stronger. Where Doncaster Belles and Arsenal once dominated, teams like Croydon, Millwall and Liverpool are now neck and neck with them. The competition can only be beneficial

"I'd like to have my football ahead of me," Bampton said, "but you can't turn back the clock. I have enjoyed it, even though it was very difficult at



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s a bloody stupid colour. s, must have chosen it. in Pleat, then Luton man-amounting the end of his

They are nice people with a part to play, but at the end of the day, they are tea-ladies who do not understand the game. Trevor Steele, resigning as Bradford Park Avenue chalmab after two women directors were elected, 1990. men's football is a game that should be played only by isenting adults in private. an Glanvilla, sports jour-

I know it will come as a shock to people who assume I'm a feminist, but I'm an old-fashoned girl and I truly believe a wife should cook, clean and stay at home to look after the kids. Karren Brady, Birmingham managing director, before her marriage to striker Paul Peschisolido, 1994.

The most pressing ambition of merty girls, which surprised me, was to play football. Ros Coward, journalist, reporting from two schools on whether girls still wanted to be hairstylists, nurses and hallerinas, 1991.

tr's harder to get women psy ched up for a match. Men are more arrogant and more confident. The girls direction their ability more. **Ted Copeland,** England women's coach, 1995.

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The future is feminine. Sepp Blatter, general secretary of the world governing body of football, Fifa, after the 1995 women's World Cup. From The Umbro Book of Football Quotations, by Peter Ball and Phil Shaw (Ebury Press, £9.99). A new edition is published on Thursday.

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'We're not as hopeless as they think'

It usually happens about the time the Sunday lunchtime drinking session is finished. Young men see two teams of abuse. Louisa Sharps, 19, takes Young men see two warms or women playing football and cannot resist what they think they're surprised by the standard she said. "We're not as they think we are." more comments about their legs and hair than any aspiring hardly notices. "At least they're supermodel.

Things have changed, though. more. The unreconstructed may still try

As for touchline banter, she not rude about our football any

case. Sharps, a right-back "because there was a space there", began playing three years ago for two reasons. Her younger sister was doing it - and there are fewer greater motivations than sibling rivalry - and because she was fed up with the presumption that football was purely a man's game.

sport before and when I start-Which was not always the ed it was from scratch." she said.

"I remember the captain shouting: 'Get her off, she's hopeless'. but it's the opposite now. My biggest problem was the tackling, I thought I'd get hurt. Now I love it."

Winsford are in the Fourth Division of the four-division North West Women's Regional League and have a 0-0 result against Doncaster Belles, one of the great powers in the game, in a seven-a-side tournament as

a battle honour. "It probably fat and ugly, which makes me wasn't their first team, but who really angry. You get bruises on cares? It was still a draw."

There have been slight setbacks like 22-0 defeats before now, which would be enough to discourage anyone, yet her team-mates are genuinely keen - and they still pay for their own transport to matches. "The worst thing," Sharps said, "and one you get all the time is: 'Oh. I thought you would be short,

your legs and you can see people wondering what I have been up to. If it was a man, they would think: 'Oh, he's been playing sport'."

There is a flip side, however.
"It's not a bad chat-up line," she said. Boys like it because you can talk to them about football. It's something you have in common with them straight away."

Sharps: Started from scratch

Tollett switch expands British options

"I'd not been interested in

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

reports from Nadi, Fiji

Great Britain have selected their resident Australian, Tulsen Tollett, at scrum-half for their first match in Fiii tomorrow, but the signs are less propitious for three players from the Test side relegated to midweek duties.

Joey Hayes, Terry O'Connor and Chris Joynt, who started the hard-carned victory over Papua New Guinea in Lae on Satur-

That means the three are likely to be out of the team to play Fiji this Saturday, with Daryl Powell, Brian McDermott and Paul Sculthorpe lined up to replace them. "It is what I have said all along - that the Test team will be picked on form," said Phil Larder, the coach who has also shown that he is unafraid of asking players to oc-cupy relatively unfamiliar roles.

Tollett, born at Hastings, but brought up in the outer suburbs

day, play against a Fiji Presidents' XIII at Lautoka. of Sydney, is not a complete stranger to the scrum-half position, having played much of his early rugby there for Penrith.

In more recent years, he has been primarily a stand-off, most recently for the London Broncos. He becomes the first London Bronco and the first Australian-produced player to start a match for Great Britain. His inclusion gives Larder, who was impressed by Tollett's conthe tour, the opportunity to

tribution as a substitute at Mt Hagen during the first match of

rest both his specialist scrum-halves before Saturday's Test at Nadi. He wants to start with his match-winner in Papua New Guinea. Bobbie Goulding, and have Tony Smith available to make an impact from the bench. And switching Tollett allows him to do just that.

Bernard Dwyer gets his first action of the tour as a substitute after recovering from blisters and is a substitute under the captaincy of his Bradford teammate. James Lowes. Three were not considered

land Phillips, who has had surgery on a facial cyst, and John Roper. Roper's knee injury is causing most concern and he was given a stringent exam-mation to gauge his likely re-

because of injury - Alan Hunte, who has been having acupunc-

ture on a trapped nerve, Row-

mation to gauge his likely re-covery time yesterday. GREAT BRITAIN: Prescott (St Helens); Hayes (St Helens), Mather (Western Bode), Senior (Sheffield), Criticalley (Reguley); Hammond (St Helens), Tobett (London); O'Commor (Westa), Lowes (Bration), Capil, Hammon (Lesis), Bratismy (Othern), Capil, Hammon (Lesis), Bratismy (Othern), Capil, Sullivan (St Helens), Sulparidon), Mololy (Featherstone), Morley (Leois).

Devils turn up the heat Sheffield Steelers, the cup

ice hockey

STEVE PINDER

The first legs of the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals were all close enough to set up gen-uine return legs this weekend.

The two teams with all to play for are Nottingham Panthers and Cardiff Devils, who played on Panthers' less than perfectly prepared ice a match that was low in both scoring and penal-ties but high on skill. Ian Coop-er's goal half-way through the match gave Devils a 1-0 win.

holders, should have the beating of Newcastle Cobras in the second leg, but Cobras ran them close for 40 minutes, with both sides hitting the pipes in the first period, and only Ken Priestlay's tip-in gave Sheffield an edge they never relin-quished, winning 6-3. Manchester Storm took to

the ice without Stephen Cooper, who will be out for six weeks following a hernia operation, and the suspended Dale Jago, but even they would have been hard pushed to stop a rampant

comers who have yet to be defeated. Sam Groleau and Vince Boe put them two up in six minutes, the two-goal difference in Ayr's 4-2 win.

Basingstoke Bison and Bracknell Bees kept their game tight, tying 2-2 at the end of the second period before Kevin Conway and Chris Maybury scored to make it 4-2 to Bison. Rob Stewart made it 4-3, but with a minute to go, Steve Brown scored a power-play goal to give Bison a two-goal cushion.

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tion in weekends. Surveys available for a quarterly for of £5.75 (esc. 1.37)

Career best for Henman

Tennis

Tim Henman, the British No 1 who has shown remarkable improvement this year, has moved up one place to 32 in the world rankings - the highest of his career. Henman is aiming to reach the top 20 by the turn of the year and will play six successive tournaments in Europe. His marathon stint begins today when he plays the Frenchman Guy Forget in the first round of the Lyon Grand Prix.

While Henman goes up, Greg Rusedski, the British No 2, has slipped to 84 in the rankings. This is because the points he gained from reaching the semi-finals of the Basle tournament last year have now gone off the computer. Rused-ski is playing in the Heineken Open in Singapore this week.

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ley Bey v Gretna.

ICS LEAGUE First Division: Abingdon Town v Widelengtam Town Worthing v Libridge (7.45). Second Division: Bracknell Town v Bedford Town (7.45); Cheshurt v Leetherhood; Edgward Town v Lagitton Town; Egnam Town v Tibury (7.45); Hennal Hernpassed v Collier Raw & Romford (7.45); Hungerford Town v Hostern; Ware v Withorn Town (7.45). Thirte Division: Angabury Town v Ting Town (7.45). LINLET SUSSEC COUNTY LEAGUE First Division: Anuncel v Bungess Hill Town; Languey Sports v Petacetawen & Telscombe; Ringmay v Destbourne Town; Storetam v Mile Opic Southwick v Portfield (7.45), Jahrs Officas Lengue Cup Second naunce Hostern VMCA v Steyning (7.15).

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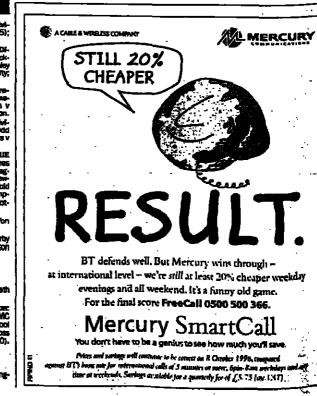
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Other sports



Jackson defies all obstacles

Genevieve Murphy on the long and difficult road to success for a member of Britain's Paralympic equestrian team

Jo Jackson can remember one moment above all others during her trip to Atlanta for the Paralympic Games. It came as a glorious mature of joy and re-lief, as the 24-year-old rider did the final halt in the first dressage test that counted towards the

medals.
"I knew it was a good test," Jackson said. "Td had serious problems in the warm-up class, so that last halt felt very special." There was an hour's delay, during which she paced back and forth, before her score came

had won the Grade IV gold medal Another Briton, Pat Straughan, took the silver.

Jackson, who has a hook in place of her right arm which was missing at birth, was to win two more gold medals one for the freestyle test to other as a decision and the for five days a member of the lackson: Atlanta adventure week, she had

Dianne Tubbs and Anne Dun-

In all, the British Paralympic Equestrian team collected three gold, three silver and two bronze medals. This remarkable haul made them worthy recipients of the Special Award which was presented in London yesterday by the Princess Royal, during the Animal Health Trust's United Kingdom Equestrian Awards Luncheon.

There would have been no medals for Jackson but for the she shared Irish Classic - the wonderfully positive attitude mount of her good friend and taken years ago by Ruth Jack- team-mate, Liz Stone, who was son, her mother, who was de-termined that Jo would not be first sat on the horse (who was held back by her handicap. So (among other things) she rode, swam and learnt to play a variing her childhood in Devon. She did not like riding initially, but

it was the thing that stuck. At 16 Jackson was persuaded to join the Riding for the Disabled Association and she promptly became the Junior RDA National Dressage champion. She won the senior title in 1991 and 1993. In 1994 she became world champion.

It has not, however, been an easy ride. This year Jackson has had flu, a recurring chest infection, tendon trouble in her good arm (on which she had an operation last week) and a sharp pain in her right forearm where the artificial limb fitted. The latter was due to weight loss in training which left insufficient fat to cushion the bone, so she cut through and she knew that she up a foam foot pad to use in-

stead. Despite the problems, Jackson was well prepared for the climate in Atlanta, "The heat and humidity wasn't nearly as bad jumping around in the steam room for she said. Having trained at a

expected to be riding a horse during the team's acclimatisation in Florida. But the horses that were provided were lame, so she ran round a

fitness centre

lake in her riding gear instead. The first horse assigned to Jackson in Atlanta was also lame and the second was unmanageable. "He went ballistic in the warm-up class, he was bucking and pulling and I only just managed to stay on," Jackson said.

The second horse was also found to be lame so, in the end. no armchair ride either) just 30 minutes before the test that provided her with her first gold medal - and her exquisite moment of relief.



Enlarged play-offs bring thrilling finale

And so, after exactly six months, 162 games and a regular season in which home runs have rained from the heavens like hailstones in a prairie thunderstorm, we are down to eight.

A couple of years ago, of course, it would have been just four. But in a quite uncharacteristic stroke of wisdom, Major eague Baseball's owners in 1993 added an extra round of play-offs. The result this year has been a thrilling September run-in which kept more than half the 28 teams in contention 2.18 per game, and an un-for the four National League precedented 17 players hit 40 for the four National League and four American League post-season places. Today sees the start of the first round of five eight. Two cracked the 50 The flip side of exceptional games to establish the divireverts to the familiar seven game championship series for each league, with the victors going to the World Series.

The 1996 vintage is unusually interesting, including the best of the recent past (the Atlanta Braves and the Cleveland Indians, who contested last year's Series), some golden oldies (the New York Yankees, the Baltimore Orioles and the St Louis Cardinals, who collectively have struck hardly a spark in the 1990s), the southern California

National League duet of the San Diego Padres and the Los Angeles Dodgers, plus one long overdue post-season novice, the

Texas Rangers. First though, a recap of the statistically amazing regular season that wrapped up on Sunday, in which hitters have flourished as never in history. In 1996, the 28 Major League teams scored 22,831 runs, shattering the previous record of 20,864. Their sluggers smote 4,962 home runs, an average of homers, compared with the previous single season high of even when they win 5-2 or 6-3. barrier, to join a chab whose pre- hitting is lousy pitching, and of

Rupert Cornwell on the season when baseball's record books were rewritten

Willie Mays. One of the newcomers was Brady Anderson, hitherto a journeyman leadoff hitter for the Baltimore Orioles, whose previous season high was 21. Led by Anderson, the Orioles smashed the Major League team home run record with 257, eclipsing the 240 collected by the Maris and Mantle Yankees of 1961.

The fans have loved it, the managers less so - just as footwho compiled a 53-109 record and a team ERA of over seven. What, the purist will wonder, has become of the low-scoring pitching duel of yesteryear? To which the safe answer is, wait for the play-offs where runs invari-

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ably are fewer and the pitching more dominating than in the

regular season. Indeed, the final Sunday provided a compelling taste of what should lie ahead, as the Padres completed's threegame sweep of the Dodgers. Both sides had shut-outs through 10 innings, until Chris Gwynn delivered a two-run dousional winners. Then the format vious membership of 12 in-reverts to the familiar seven chided such immortals as Babe been all too much, epitomised the National League West for Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine

MAJOR LEAGUE RESULTS AND FINAL STANDINGS

League, the Indians start as clear favourites, the team more experienced albeit less overwhelming than in 1995. In the first round they should put away the pitching-weak Orioles. The other divisional series is a toss-up. The Yankees, who have not been to the World Series since 1981, have the balance, but the Rangers the flair - as well as handsome winning records

during the regular season. The outlook in the National League is comparable. The Braves, by common consent, are the strongest team, even though that intimidating starting pitching rotation of John Smoltz, Ruth, Mickey Mantle and by the woeful Detroit Tigers San Diego by a single game. and Steve Avery has been a mite

Louis look the weakest of the bunch, but in Tony LaRussa they have the canniest manager in the business. Los Angeles are imposing on paper but have struggled of late, and baseball is a game of streaks. The National League team on a roll right now is the Padres. The pitching is solid, while Chris Gwynn's brother. Tony, has just won his seventh National League batting title and the third baseman Ken Caminiti has become one of the most devastating switch-hitters

And the World Series? After the summer's pyrotechnics, the safe guess is that the autumn will be a repeat of 1995; the Braves against the Indians, crowned by another victory for the Braves - proof again of the old adage that, in the crunch, good pitching invariably beats good hitting. But I'll court disaster by predicting a Padres/Yankees Series, with the World Championship returning to the Bronx for the first time since 1981. That is probably the kiss of death for both. But, after a dismal season by the Mets, and with the city's two NFL teams floundering, New York needs something to cheer about.

Golding regains Global lead

After a heavy night battling down the English Channel into a south-westerly breeze gusting to gale force, Mike Golding in Group 4 was still in the lead of the 14-yacht amateur BT Global Challenge yesterday, writes Stuart Alexander.

At one stage, off Jersey, he had been passed by Simon Walker in Toshiba Wave Warrior, but Golding, who led the charge out of the Solent after the start on Sunday, regained the lead. Chris Tibbs in Concert

moved up to second, pushing Walker down to third, and Richard Tudor, the bookmakers' favourite, took Nuclear Electric up to fourth after a lacklustre start. Those four, with Paul Beamett fifth in Ocean Rover, were continuing to dis-

pute the lead last night. The Global Challenger, Tony Bullimore's 60ft monohull, was also heading south to the Azores as he put in his qualifying run for the Vendée Globe singlehanded round-the-world race, starting on 3 November. Britain's Pete Goss has already

qualified in Aqua Quorum.

Chiefs' unbeaten record is charged down American football

And then there was one. Four

teams went into last weekend boasting unbeaten records, but only the Indianapolis Colts emerged unscathed - and they had the weekend off. The Kansas City Chiefs at-tracted a host of admirers as they

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visit to San Diego was always likely to be a stem test. It evolved into a game of field goals, with the Chargers' John Carney converting his fifth with a little over three minutes left to give his side

Even then the Chiefs' Pete Stoyanovich, who had already hit four field goals of his own, had a chance to tie the game up,

cruised to a 4-0 start, but their but his 47-yarder was blocked by Chris Mims.

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The kicking game was also pivotal as the New York Giants pulled off the shock of the day, overcoming the previously un-beaten Minnesota Vikings. Three field goals from Brad Daluiso and Aaron Pierce's one-yard run were enough to secure a 15-10 victory as Dan Reeves' side lived up to their name for once.

Only slightly less surprising was Carolina's downfall at Jacksonville, the first contest between the two teams who joined the league a year ago. With a 100 per cent record and a victory over San Francisco under their belts the Panthers were clear favourites, but had no answer to the Jaguars' relentless rushing which amassed 179 yards, including a pair of touch-

downs for James Stewart. "It be leaving Atlanta, perhaps was a day for some statements sooner rather than later. was a day for some statements to be made," Tom Coughlin, the Jacksonville head coach, said. The 49ers, having had a week to get over their defeat by Car-

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olina, bounced back with a comfortable win over Atlanta for whom Bobby Hebert (three interceptions) proved no more effective than the suspended Jeff George, who is expected to

A possible destination is Oakland, although the move smacks of frying pans and fires. The Raiders' home defeat by Chicago - despite a 17-3 second-balf lead - was their fourth in five starts, and significantly increases Mike White's chances of

becoming the season's first head

Paul takes on full-back role for Cup tie Rugby Union

Henry Paul, the New Zealander, will play at full-back in Bath's Anglo-Welsh Cup game at Llanelli tonight. Paul's Wigan colleague, Jason Robinson, is recalled by the double champions after missing Saturday's 46-10 League victory over West Hartlepool. Bath give a debut to the oft 4in teenager Richard Bryan, who plays in the back row alongside Éric Peters and the captain Andy Robinson. Andy Reed, the Lions and

Scotland lock, will make his Wasps first-XV debut in their Cup tie against Neath at their Sudbury ground tomorrow.

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Thomas Muster, the world No 3 who stormed off court during a Davis Cup tie with Brazil, will be in London next week to argue his case to the interna-tional Tennis Federation. Muster left the court when he and his partner were 0-2. 15-30 down in fifth set of the the 0-2, 15-30 down in min set of the the doubles against Brazil last weekend in São Paulo complaining that rowdy fans made it impossible to continue playing. The Austrians forfeited the match, and the be, 1-4, when they also refused to play the remaining two singles. SPARKASSEN CUP WOMEN'S INTERN

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THE INDEPENDENT LINDEPENDENT

Wilkins in right place for Hibs job

Football

NICK DUXBURY

Ray Wilkins could find himself again elevated from the ranks to officer class after Alex Miller's 10-year term in command at Hibernian came to a close yesterday.

The 40-year-old Wilkins, who was signed by Miller on a shortterm contract after the midfielder's services as Queen's Park Rangers player-manager were no longer required, may well be Hibs' choice as they seek to stem a run of disappointing results, not least Saturday's embarrassing 3-1 home derby defeat by Heart of Midlothian.

In the meantime, the assistant manager Jocky Scott will assume control, with Wilkins joined on the list of candidates by Murdo MacLeod, Steve Archibald, Alex McLeish, Gordon Strachan, Willie Miller, Terry Christie and Alex Smith.

Miller's resignation came after a lengthy conflict with a sec-tion of the Hibs supporters. These things happen in football and I thought this was for the best for both parties," he said. "I think the fans were beginning to try to get to me through the players." The 47-year-old Miller will continue as part-time assistant to the Scotland manager, Craig Brown.

Fans also made their influence felt at Wycombe Wanderers, where the manager, Alan Smith, and his assistant, David Kemp, were released with the team bottom of the Second Division without a win in nine League games.

Fans have been calling for the return of Martin O'Neill, who led the club out of the Vauxhall Conference before taking over at Leicester City. Supporters also called for the resignation of Smith, who spent just 15 months in charge at Adams Park following two years at Crystal

Palace, at the end of last season. accepted by the fans and that has made life extremely diffi-

cult. Kemp said. Manchester City's difficulties concerning their vacant manager's job continue with Willie Donachie, the former Maine Road defender, joining the list of refusals and staying as firstteam coach at Everton.

lan Wright has apologised to David Pleat for the "pervert" comments he reportedly made about the Sheffield Wednesday manager. "It was said in a jovial manner at the end of a very long day. People were firing all sorts of questions and I didn't think

it would be published. It was just a joke," the Arsenal striker said. "It was not meant to offend anyone and I can't apologise enough. I have spoken to David Pleat and I'm very pleased that

he accepted my apology."
Paul McGrath's failing out with Aston Villa deepened yesterday with his chairman Doug Ellis insisting that the long-serving defender will not be allowed to leave for less than £200,000.

The 36-year-old McGrath was sent packing from the Villa squad who were preparing for last night's game at Newcastle after branding the decision to demand a fee when Coventry recently showed an interest as 'nothing short of a disgrace".

McGrath, four times Villa's player of the year since joining for Manchester United in 1989. has asked for a transfer in writing. Ellis, however, said: "All we are asking for is the signing-on fee of £100,000 and the money we have paid Paul since he signed a new contract. It comes to £200,000 in total.

Pierre Van Hooijdonk's troubles at Celtic have been overlooked by the Dutch, who have included the striker in the squad for the World Cup qualifier against Wales in Cardiff on Saturday. Van Hooijdonk, who Celtic say must abandon his claim for a wage rise or leave, is one of four strikers in the squad, along with Manchester United's Jordi Cruyff and Den-

nis Bergkamp of Arsenal. Southampton have signed the Norwegian striker Egil Ostenstadt from Viking Stavanger for £900,000. The 24-year-old Ostenstadt has scored four goals in four internationals as well as 23 goals in 24 matches

Graham Kayanagh, the Middlesbrough midfielder, is to join Stoke City for £250,000. with the sum doubling if he plays 50 games for the First Division club. Wolves have confirmed their interest in an other Middlesbrough midfield player. Craig Hignett, who is on the transfer list at £750,000.

Maradona handed win on a Plate



River Plate twice come from behind before a spectacular diving header by the Uruguayan Hugo Guerra earned Boca victory

Salute for Solskjaer

his father, Oyvind, was a champion wrestler in Norway. "I be-

lieve Ole has inherited some of

his dad's qualities like perfect bal-

ance." Hareide said. "He also

tends to move in front of goal

which unsettles defenders and

goalkeepers. He has a good first touch and quick feet. We worked

on his finishing, especially with his left foot and it has paid off."

tenham on television and they

Beckenbauer raps 'selfishness'

Bayern players and manage-ment held crisis meetings on

Sunday to discuss the team's re-

cent poor form - the side went

out of the Uefa Cup last week

Beckenbauer acknowledged

at the hands of Valencia.

"I saw the game against Tot-

He is not the only sporting first, then rolled the second one hero in the family, however, for in. The sky's the limit for the

were both quality finishes. He he is focused on is helping the

killed the defender for the team and scoring goals.

'Friendly Games' under threat

Athletics KIERAN DALEY

reports from Palma, Majorca

The Commonwealth Games face disaster after world athletics' governing body, the In-ternational Amateur Athletic Federation, announced plans sport's rapidly expanding pro-fessional circuit to assert its control over the sional circuit

Primo Nebiolo, president of the IAAF, revealed at the World Half-marathon Championships here that he will brook no opposition to future IAAF fixtures by denying rival events permission to be staged. Nebiolo also hopes to ensure the quality of his meetings by paying athletes cash prizes at all IAAF events from next year.

"We can do what we want because we are the governing body," Nebiolo said. "We have the strength to control the sport and disqualify any athlete tak-

ing part in other events."
The IAAF's moves could hit the next Commonwealth Games, often referred to as the "Friendly Games", in Kuala Lumpur. In announcing the dates for the 1998 World Cup in Johannes-burg, the IAAF has lined up a clash. The three-day World Cup team event finishes on 13 September, 24 hours before athletics events at the Commonwealth Games start in Malaysia. "We have a problem with the

Commonwealth Games. They must fit in with us," Nebiolo said. Besides the sheer physical demands of such a busy programme facing athletes who might have considered competing in both events, senior IAAF sources are confident the leading Commonwealth athletes will prefer to chase cash in the World Cup rather than compete for devalued Commonwealth titles.

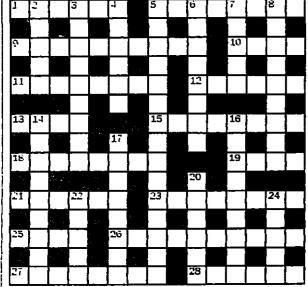
Next year, the IAAF has already guaranteed prizes at the World Championships in Athens, with \$100,000 (£65,000) bonuses for world records.

The Commonwealth Games have been in decline as an athletics spectacle for some time. The organisers in 1998 and 2002, when they are due to be staged in Manchester, must fear that if the crowd-pullers are absent from the high profile track events, sponsors and television will desert the Games, too. "We are aware of the problems," a spokesman for the Commonwealth Games Federation said yesterday, and we are in disrussions with the IAAF."

Roger Black, Jonathan Edwards and Steve Backley have been awarded the British Athletics Federation's athlete of the year award for the best performance in major international competition.

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Lancashire last night appointed the Australian, Dav What-

what's been missing."

more, as their new head coach on a one-year rolling contract. Whatmore, who guided Sri Lanka to World Cup triumph

Age Hareide gave a wry smile after Ole Gunnar Solskjaer

increased his goal tally for

Manchester United on Sunday.

"If I had known he was go-ing to carry on scoring like this,

I would have sold him for

£50m." the former Manchester

City defender, now coach of the

Norwegian club. Molde, said.

Solskjaer has made an im-

pressive start to his career in England. His double against

Tottenham increased his haul to

five goals, including one in the

Champions' League game

Franz Beckenbauer, the Bayern Munich president, attacked his players after their 3-0 defeat by

Werder Bremen at the weekend

and demanded an immediate im-

provement for tomorrow's cup

"The selfishness must stop," Beckenbauer wrote in the Ger-

man daily newspaper Bild yes-

terday. "Every player must be

ready to help the other. That's

match against Borussia Mönch-

against Rapid Vienna.

both the NatWest Trophy and Benson and Hedges Cup, although they had a desperately disappointing Championship

Whatmore played seven Tests for Australia, the last of which was in 1979. The Lannett, said: "Dav Whatmore is a lighted he is coming to Old Traf-

the current situation was simibuilding up our game and that good might through the team. lar to last season, when Bayern began brightly but faded away The whole system isn't working. as the players engaged in behind-the-scenes sniping and I just hope we can pull ourselves public squabbles. "But at that time, we had chalked up seven

The out of favour Jürgen Klinsmann, substituted at halftime against Bremen, said: "We've got major problems in together and show a reaction against Mönchengladbach."

derestimated the signs of trouble," Beckenbauer said. "That

won't happen to us again.

boy as he is with the right club

If he had gone to Southampton,

for example, it might well have

has handled the pressure and

taken immediately to the big

stage," Hareide said. "He is a

quiet, calm boy who just loves

playing football. Many experi-

enced players freeze in from

of crowds, but he doesn't

seem to be one of them. All

"It is extraordinary the way he

been a different story.

Whatmore for Lancashire

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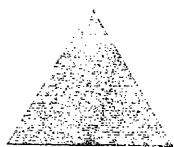
earlier this year, fills the position vacated by the England coach, David Lloyd. John Stanworth, the second-team coach. temporarily deputised for Lloyd ford. He has experience at players at Old Trafford."

this year, when Lancashire won international level both as a player and coach. He was very keen from the moment of the initial approach and everyone at the club is looking forward to working with him.

Speaking from Nairobi. where Sri Lanka are competing in a tournament, Whatmore cashire chairman, Bob Ben- said: "I know that Lancashire are the biggest club in England. proven winner and I am de- I relish the challenge of working alongside some very talented



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